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England manager Bobby Robson (left) with his friend, TV interviewer Michael Parkinson, after England's 2-1 victory over Australia in Sydney in May, 1981.

## Shilton, Francis but England 'experimental'

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Manager Bobby Robson says the England team to play in Australia next month will be "experimental."

England will play three full internationals against Australia on June 12, 15 and 19 but Robson confirmed earlier speculation that his best players would not be available.

Robson said from his Ipswich home the England team would be made up of a "50-50 merger" between experienced and promising players.

"The England squad will be based on some of the most promising players in England at the moment," Robson said. "I will be looking at whether they have the potential to develop their skills at international level."

Robson said he would announce the travelling party of around 20 this week.

The England manager strongly denied suggestions his England side would be a second rate or 'B' team.

"I can hardly call a side featuring such accomplished players as Peter Shilton and Trevor Francis a 'B' team," Robson pointed out.

"It's not the best available team but Australian fans will not be disappointed because there actually will be only a little difference."

Robson hopes three Liverpool stars will be able to play in the second and third internationals in Brisbane and Melbourne.

"Liverpool are playing in Hong Kong in early June and I expect Phil Neal, Phil Thompson and Sammy Lee to be available on June 15 and 19," Robson said.

Robson was assistant manager of the England team that beat Australia 2-1 in Sydney three years ago but the English supremo knows very little of the current Australian squad.

"Three years ago the Australians impressed me with their physical qualities and their enthusiasm," Robson said in a classic display of diplomacy.

The English Press is apparently losing interest in the tour. Some of the Fleet St dailies that had intended to send their representative to cover the Australian tour are having second thoughts.

"The players making the tour do not warrant the expense," The Standards' Michael Hart said.

Among the best-known players who are not likely to tour are Manchester United's Bryan Robson and Steve Coppell, Tottenham Hotspurs' Ray Clemence and Glenn Hoddle and Arsenal's Tony Woodcock and Graham Rix.

Spurs and Manchester United will be playing against each other in Swaziland and Arsenal will be in Indonesia.

But Aston Villa striker Peter Withe could yet be available for the tour.

An exploratory knee operation has shown less damage than expected. Manager Tony Barton confirmed: "Apart from taking away a few flakes of cartilage, the specialists found nothing like the problems we feared."

Withe's other injury — a depressed fracture of the cheekbone — which he suffered in England's last match against Hungary, is healing well.

Despite the expected absence of so many stars the England selectors still can call upon players of excellent quality such as: Blissett, Barnes, Callaghan (Watford), Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley (Aston Villa), Anderson (Notts Forest), Chamberlain (Stoke), Shilton, Moran, Armstrong, Mills, Wallace (Southampton), Martin, Parkes, Devonshire (West Ham), Mariner, Butcher, Osmond, Gates (Ipswich), Regis (West Brom), Hunt, Thompson (Coventry), Stein, Hill, Walsh (Luton), Caton, Reeves (Man. City), Foster (Brighton), Francis (Sampdoria).

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# NSL VOTES FOR NEW-LOOK LEAGUE

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ambitious State League clubs in Melbourne and Sydney are gearing up to enter the regionalised NSL next season — but first, stand by for the great Federation fight!

The NSL council of clubs, after agreeing to regionalisation at a meeting in the Hakoah club at Bondi last Saturday, has asked for a meeting on May 20 of the ASF's NSL sub-committee so that the plan can be officially presented.

The committee is made up of ASF and NSL delegates. But the NSW federation president, Karl Rodny already has announced his opposition to the plan.

And VSF officials would prefer the NSL clubs to return to their State leagues, rather than regionalising the NSL.

Thirteen of the 14 clubs represented at last Saturday's meeting voted in favor of the following plan for regionalisation:

• A northern and a southern division of 12 clubs each.

• The north to comprise: the five present Sydney-based NSL clubs plus three new ones from the NSW State League, one from the ACT (Canberra Arrows), one from Northern NSW (Newcastle KB Utd), Wollongong plus one more from a NSW rural centre;

• The southern region to comprise the four present Melbourne-based NSL clubs, the two from South Australia (Adelaide City and West Adelaide), two from Queensland (Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City) and four teams from the Victorian State League;

• Instead of the 12 teams in each region playing each other twice, the way all other leagues operate, they will play only once against the teams in their own region, and once against the teams in the other region.

• A final five series to be run in each region at the end of the season, with the two winners

playing off for the national title;

• The Australian champion club to meet the champion of the North American Soccer League home and away for an inter-continental Cup;

• No additional representation for South Australia or Queensland, and no team to be admitted from Tasmania at this stage.

• In discussion during the meeting, the delegates agreed that crowd support should be a major criterion in admitting new clubs to the NSL.

Only one club — Brisbane Lions — abstained from voting.

Newcastle and Adelaide City were not represented at the meeting.

In Melbourne, the president of Croatia, Joe Sigur, announced immediately that his club would be among the candidates for inclusion.

"Everyone wants to play in a higher league,

and Croatia is no different," he said.

"Half of the State League does nothing for soccer. Some just regard match day as a fun day.

"We are losing supporters and money and we are getting nowhere at the moment. If we play in the NSL, we could increase our

support to at least 4000.

"I would like to see Juventus in the NSL as well. They deserve it."

He added he would like to see George Cross and Ajax amalgamating to form a new NSL club.

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## If you don't like the game you can get your cash back

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Now you can get your money back if the game you've paid to see turns out to be a bore.

The money-back guarantee is one of the most imaginative innovations in soccer.

It's been introduced by St. George coach Frank Arok who will lead Australia in its three internationals against England next month.

And it will apply for the first time at St. George's next home match against Footscray JUST.

That's right — if it's a bad game, you get your cash back! It's not as simple as that, however.

First, to be eligible for the money-back guarantee, you'll have to pay a \$5 admission charge, instead of the usual \$4. Call it insurance, if you like, or call it a shrewd way for St. George to make an extra buck.

A panel of five people will decide whether or not the money should be returned to the fans who paid their \$5.

The panel will comprise:

• one spectator chosen by his ticket number;

• one representative of the firm sponsoring the match (St. George has 13 match sponsors);

• one sports writer;

• one former player and

• one guest of honor.

Five criteria will be used in judging the match. They are:

entertainment value, commitment by the players, fairness, the result, and the number of goals scored.

In the areas of entertainment and commitment, votes will be cast by the panel.

The top vote is six, going down to 4, then 2, and finally minus-4 if it's a real bore.

In the area of fairness, 2 votes are cast if no yellow cards are shown during the game. Every yellow card shown represents a minus-2 vote, and every red card a minus-five vote.

The rest of the voting works as follows:

RESULT: 5 votes for a home win, 3 for a draw, minus-

2 for a defeat.

NUMBER OF GOALS: 3 votes for every home goal, 1 vote for every goal against, minus-1 for a scoreless draw and minus-2 if the home team loses and does not score.

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# Young 'Roos, Heidelberg thrill Tasmania



Les Scheinflug, Jim Patikas and Raul Blanco arrive for training at the Domain Athletic Centre in Hobart. Photos by Walter Pless.

## Aust. Youth 0 Heidelberg 0

Att: 2500 Ref: Jack Johnston

Australia: Hummel (Miller 46) — Maier, McCulloch, Dakos, Rizotto — Stewart, Patikas, Incantapelo (Fabrizio 46) — Farina (Maxwell 46), Lowe, Glockner. Heidelberg: Olver (Kardamitsis 69) — McKie, MacLeod, Yankos, Spanos — Salemidis, Toro, Vincent (Angelo 68), Valentine — Petersen, Patterson.

The Australian Youth Team and Heidelberg United gave an excellent display of soccer before a large crowd at Grove Road in Tasmania last Wednesday night. The game was entertaining, despite the lack of goals, and the Tasmanian public was able to see some of Australia's finest players in action. Heidelberg had the best of the opening half hour and came close to scoring at least

three times. The best opportunity came after 20 minutes when Ralf Maier's back-pass was intercepted, wide on the left by Mike Petersen who also beat the advancing goalkeeper before crossing to an empty goalmouth but the ball was cleared before any Heidelberg player could get a touch.

The final 15 minutes of the half saw the youth team exerting tremendous pressure, culminating in the shot of the night by David Lowe. Jim Patikas pass to Lowe was missed by a defender, allowing the Newcastle youngster to volley a shot that struck the underside of the bar but the ball bounced back into play. How the woodwork remained upright is still a mystery!

Both teams squandered good chances in the second half. While the build-ups were good, the finishing was poor and the game fizzled out to a scoreless draw.

There were numerous fine

performances on the evening, from players on both sides. Tom McCulloch and Lowe were outstanding for the youth team. McCulloch was calm and cool under pressure and made things happen whenever he ventured forward, while Lowe was mobile, fast, skillful, and always dangerous.

Heidelberg played very well and gave a polished display that confirmed its position near the top of the NSL ladder.

Les Scheinflug and Ken Morton were both pleased with their teams' performances. "It was a good exercise for the team", said Scheinflug. "I was pleased with Heidelberg's performance too. They gave us a good, solid workout".

Morton conceded that his team was lacking a bit in front of goal. "We were terrible up front", he said. "Our build-up from the back was good but we had problems with our finishing."



Ken Morton and Les Scheinflug discuss their teams' prospects before the big clash at Grove Road in Tasmania.

## Let's see how good these Saints are!

With the three internationals coming up against England next month, I've been interested to see some new names being mentioned for Socceroo selection. Good luck to them!

My own concern, however, is that some in soccer circles have been critical of my own form.

I'm the first to admit that I'm not playing the soccer I did last season. But let's analyse the situation. Tactically, Olympic is playing differently than last year, with the emphasis on quick and early passing. We've also got a new formation, with four players in the middle of the pack, rather than three.

It's something that takes time to adjust to. What's more, there are six new players in the Olympic line-up this year, and in that situation, you don't develop understanding and cohesion straight away.

Personally, I have not lost any of my enthusiasm and I'm still training as hard as ever, just like the rest of the boys at Olympic.

We have had some good victories, and we could have been up with the leaders had we beaten Footscray J.U.S.T., but we know we haven't produced the form of which we are capable.

I find I'm getting less of the

## KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



ball this year than I did in past seasons, and so I can't show as much creativity or individual flair, but I'm sure that the fans acknowledge that you can't forget how to play soccer in a period of two months. None of us has for coming weeks.

### Saints battle

My fellow Olympic midfielders and I are up against Peter Stone and Mark Barton this week. Much has been said about these two. Now let's see how good they really are.

Saints are my former club, of course, and I'm looking forward to playing against them. There is particular interest in the game because so many of the players are in line for selection for Australia's games against England, and they'll be under the eagle eye of coach Frank Ark, the Saints boss who will coach the Socceroos in the three-match series.

Those in line for selection are: Marshall Soper, Graham Jennings, Peter Raskopoulos and I from Olympic, and Terry Greedy, Mike O'Shea, David Ratcliffe and Peter Stone of St. George.

### Shrewd Ark

While on the subject of St. George, what about the club's new "money-back guarantee"? If the game's no good, you can get your cash back!

It's a shrewd promotion and it proves once again that Frank Ark is the eagle eye of coach administrator Australia.

Too many people have been saying that Australian soccer is no good. Here they have the chance to go along and be proved wrong, and they have nothing to lose.

### Beauty, Boral!

On behalf of all the players in the NSL let me thank Boral Bricks for its \$2500 sponsorship of "Soccer Action's" highly-regarded Player of the Year award.

Without doubt, this award will help raise the standard of play even higher because players will be trying to produce their very best in order to be in the running for the big cash prize.

Last year, when I won the "Soccer Action" award, my aim from the start of the season was to poll votes regularly. It's the same now with all the players.

I like the way the award is being run, on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis, ensures that as many players as possible are involved. It's better than 3-2-1 for this reason.

A prize of \$1000 is to go to the top player, and \$1000 to the top scorer in the league. I case of a best-player tie, there will be a countback, with \$1000 going to the player

the countback. That's a great idea as well. It would be heartbreaking to be left with nothing after being involved in a countback.

### Well done

Full marks to coach Bobby McLachlan and his Footscray J.U.S.T. men for their display against Sydney Olympic in our last match.

How many times do we see or hear about a team losing three or

four in a row and then suddenly beating one of the big guns?

This is the backlash Olympic had to contend with, and of course, J.U.S.T. beat us 1-0.

It was one of those games in which they did everything right. Goalkeeper Dennis Boland had a blinder and every other player fought as if his life depended on it.

When the final whistle sounded, their right back lay down on the ground, in relief, probably saying "Thank God."

## Focus on Phil Redmond

FULL NAME: Phillip John Redmond.

BIRTHDATE: 23/9/61. Phil is therefore born on the cusp of the Starsigns Libra and Virgo, although he assures me that he's "not really into that sort of stuff".

PLACE OF BIRTH: Liverpool, England.

HEIGHT: 163cm (Fairly big, in other words.)

PREVIOUS NICKNAME: "Reddo"

OCCUPATION: A CA-4 (Not to be confused with the MI-5) for the Supernation Board.

SUPERSTITIONS: None really. "But I do like to go onto the field each week, religiously, (that's in the habit sense, rather than the church sense), wearing both boots on the correct feet."



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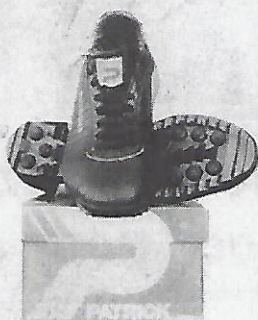
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## Teasdale joins the Doc

Former Wolves and Walsall striker John Teasdale, who joined Willenhall last month, has confirmed he is to sign for South Hellas, the Australian league club managed by Tommy Docherry.

Teasdale was included in the squad named by new manager Docherry for the

## What's all this then?

Another new player for Sydney Olympic — or is it South Melbourne Hellas? Hard to tell from this recent clipping from an English newspaper. Willenhall, by the way,



Tommy's dad, George McCulloch, in the stripes of Pan Hellenic.

# It's McCulloch No.2 — just like Beckenbauer!

By ANDREW DETTRE

**This lad McCulloch is really something special . . .**

Generally, it's a good idea to exercise some caution when talking about our young, up-and-coming stars; far too many of them appear and then vanish like comets, disintegrating in the vacuum of indifference.

The longer you follow soccer the more such episodes come to mind, producing a long and sad list of wasted talent and misplaced hope. The saga of Australian soccer, you may say.

However — and let me say this in a whisper — Tommy McCulloch is a bit special; he could develop into our first superstar since John Warren. Could — I repeat! Nothing is certain in love and sport . . .

His coach, Doug Collins, regards him as the country's most outstanding talent — and that includes Jim Patikas and Doug Lowe, a point that would be debated by some.

"His style, his elegance and his effectiveness all remind me of the young Beckenbauer," says Collins, then respectfully looks around to see if some teutonic god would strike him down.

But one suspects that Collins could be right: all the necessary ingredients are there in McCulloch: natural talent, ideal build, bulldog determination, controlled temper if not a stoic stance and an open, honest ambition to succeed. The right stuff, as they say about the astronauts.

Tommy McCulloch, captain of the young Socceroos and already a key member of the Marconi team, is slightly perplexed about all the sudden fuss and commotion around him. He is a quiet, unassuming and rather serious youngster without airs, his dark, deep-set eyes ooze with confidence without being cocky. He is matter-of-fact without being brash.

## Pan Hellenic

Perhaps his background has something to do with it all.

Tommy was born in Glasgow, one of the great bastions of soccer, within walking distance of Ibrox Park. When he was one, his parents decided to migrate to Australia.

Well, not as run-of-the-mill migrants: George, his father, was "imported" to play for Pan Hellenic and he did, from 1965 to 1973, becoming one of the stalwarts of the team.

Tom doesn't remember seeing him play. "I must have," he says ruefully, "but I just can't recall. I wish I did. There were no videos those days, so all I can do is look at some old newspaper clippings."

George was a top-class defensive midfielder who also earned some NSW "caps" — against Victoria and one or two against touring teams," he says, but can't remember which ones.

If Tom must admit not remembering his father as a player, at least George can counter that by claiming never having coached his son.

"Ah yes," he says, "we did muck around a bit in the backyard and in parks, but that's all. I never actually coached Tom in any of his junior teams."

"Very early, though, I gave him one bit of advice: learn to kick with both feet. And he did. I suffered in my days because I was a 'right-foot' player and didn't want Tom to go through that again. I'm happy to see he took my advice."

Young Thomas McCulloch began his career as a toddler — at four, appearing for a junior club at Marrickville. In fact, he played for the under-6 side for three years; the first year says his father, mainly watching the birds or the airplanes coming and going at nearby Mascot.

## Clairvoyance

"Tom always showed talent," says his father, without any false modesty. "He had that knack of beating an opponent on the run even when he was very young. Just gliding past them. I guess it's natural to him."

Not entirely, says Tom. He worked at every facet of his game and, when he left Auburn at 16 to join Marconi, he had the fundamentals of all the skills now apparent in his game.

And skills he has aplenty. Not really robust in build, he is however strong and very hard to shake off. His tackles are telling, his distribution smooth and his clairvoyance stunning for his age.

One of his greatest assets is his ability to "surge", not many players have it. John Warren and Ray Baartz had it; Tony Henderson still has it; so have celebrated overseas aces like Platini, Falcao and Boniek. With four or five giant strides at full speed, with a body swerve or two and a sudden gear change, they gain vital space and time in midfield; the enemy lies exposed.

Tom is what you call an attacking midfielder for Marconi. Yet, for the Young Socceroos, he plays as sweeper. He says

thing: he loves scoring goals and from midfield his chances are better.

He would be the first to reject any claim that he is a complete player.

"My heading at goal is ordinary and I have to work on my sprinting ability," he says.

His fame came rather suddenly, after a near-disastrous 1982 season when damaged ligaments in both knees sidelined him for months. The soccer pundits began to rave about the "Marconi-kids": Calderan, Carbone, Licata and others and Tom McCulloch hobbled around behind them, waiting for his chance. It came this year.

"Tom is not really the injured type," says his father. "For many seasons he never missed a game. Then everything happened last year. Maybe he's got all his problems out of his system."

## Soccer family

You could expect that for a soccer-dad Scottish couple — George and his wife — Tom is the centre of the universe. Not so. They follow with the same interest the progress of their other sons, George Jun. and Paul. George is with the Marconi Under-16s and Paul, 12, plays for Blacktown City.

They don't make any wild forecasts about the younger boys — Scots are frugal even with their praise — but one suspects that soon we'll be hearing more about McCullochs.

Even at home, Tom is just one of the boys.

"I fix lunch for him on match days," says his mother, making it sound like a big concession. At most other times Tom, dashing off to trainings and returning late at night, has to fend for himself. No breakfast in bed for superstar Tom before he trots off to work as a casual assistant in a sports store.

Father George works as a contract welder at Muswellbrook and lives there in a workers' camp. Every Friday night he drives home to Sydney — and then comes the soccer weekend: on Saturday he watches young George and Paul in action and on Sunday it's time to see Tom, when Marconi plays at home.

But he is not one of "those" soccer fathers who makes his presence felt, if not hated, at grounds. When we met for a chat after a recent Heidelberg game, I had to introduce him to Doug Collins.

Tom is about to make his fifth overseas trip soon — to Mexico, for the World Cup finals. He's been with the team to Acapulco, New Guinea and Costa Rica. At 16 he spent three months training with Glasgow Celtic, arranged by Willie Wallace.

"You see little of the countries you visit on a soccer trip," he says with some regret. "Airports, hotels and grounds. In Acapulco we saw a bit of the beaches and in Los Angeles, where he spent a week, we had a day to ourselves. It's training and playing all the time."

## Mexico first

The thought of the World Cup finals doesn't scare him one bit. Neither does the responsibility of captaining his team on the hallowed turf of the Azteca Stadium where, one expects, most of the 110,000 seats will be occupied by hysterically patriotic fans screaming themselves hoarse with "Me-hi-co."

"I plan only as far as the first game, against Mexico," he says. "We must win that. Then we'll think about the next hurdles, against Scotland and North Korea, at Toluca."

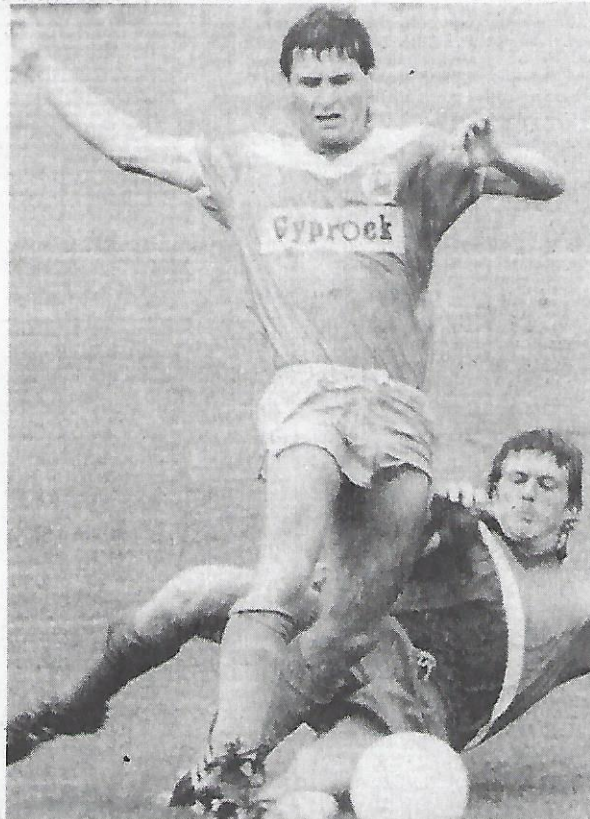
"I honestly believe we can make round two. We beat Mexico once and drew with them once. They are a good team — but no better than us. And we will be stronger and fitter, Les Scheinflug will make sure of that. The team's spirit is fantastic."

What about Scotland, the reigning European champions — the homeland of his father and his own birthplace?

Tom gives the tiniest of shrugs with a sort of 'what-about-them' look.

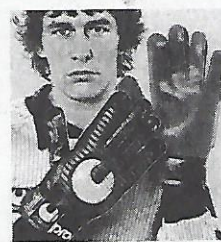
"Just another team. Sure. I was born there but I don't feel Scottish. Mum and Dad might," he adds with a wink. "Of course we do," George says, "but not when they play Australia. Don't forget this has been our home since 1965. It's here that two of our sons were born and Tom learned to walk."

"He's an Aussie and that's fine with me. Of course, it'll hurt a bit when they beat good old Scotland — but I still pray for the day to happen."



Australia's youth team captain Tommy McCulloch, in action for Marconi against Brisbane Lions.

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## Tony Curcio: again the artist of old

Tony Curcio has fought back courageously after serious injury, and has helped lift Melbourne Croatia to the top of the ladder with the artistry for which he is renowned off the field as well as on it.

Curcio, 23, a teacher at Albenvale Primary School in St. Albans, is a talented artist — so much so, that his house is so full of paintings that you can't find a bare wall in the place.

He's aiming to sell a few, just to make a bit of room.

Curcio broke his right leg at the shin while with Juventus.

A plaster cast was applied incorrectly, so it had to be taken off and then repositioned.

"After eight weeks, my leg has withered to the width of my arm," he said.

"It took a lot of hard work to get back into soccer. I lacked a yard or more for a long time — and speed always has been my biggest asset — but I'm very happy with my form now."

"My soccer has improved a lot under our coach, John Gardiner. He knows exactly what to do, he's very organised, and all the players have benefited tremendously."

Curcio started with Altona City before joining Juventus, where he played senior soccer as a teenager. He's been at Croatia for two years now and has emerged as one of the finest right backs in Australia.

He's confident that Croatia will win the championship.

"We've got the biggest crowds and the best team. It would be a real boost for all of us if we won it," he said.

About Croatia's entertaining, attacking style, he said:

"Our biggest advantage is our goal difference, and we're determined to keep on building it up. We've got great forwards in Ossie Latif, Tommy Cumming and Josip Blasko, and if opponents pay too much attention to them, our midfielders get through and score."

Among Curcio's team mates is left-flanker Steve Gojevic. Their association goes back to the juniors, where Gojevic, at only eight years of age, was playing among 13-year-olds — Curcio among them.

"He was a chubby little kid then," chuckles Curcio. "You wouldn't think so looking at him now."

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Tony Curcio



We believe his resignation is a result of clashes with some fellow directors over the future of Sydney City, sponsored by Hawthorn.

# Three new Soccerroos

**Three new players — Joe Rizzotto (Marconi), Tony Dakos (Olympic) and Steve Glockner (Brisbane City) — have been named in the final 18-man Australian squad for the World Youth Championships in Mexico next month.**

And three players who helped Australia to qualify for the finals have missed out. They are Marcelo Salvo, Frank Faraone and Luciano Fabrizio.

Salvo and Fabrizio are on standby should there be any injuries before the squad leaves on May 18.

The young Soccerroos arrive in Mexico on May 19 and will move on to Costa Rica from May 24 to 26 for two practice matches.

They return to Mexico on May 27, and will play their Group A matches against Mexico on June 2, Scotland on June 5 and South Korea on June 8.

The other groups are:

GROUP B: Poland, Ivory Coast, Uruguay, USA.

GROUP C: China, Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Austria.

GROUP D: USSR, Nigeria, Holland, Brazil.

The second round, between the top two from each group, starts on June 11.

The third-place play-off is on June 18 and the final on June 19.

In the 1981 World Youth Championships, held in Australia, the young Soccerroos beat Argentina 2-1, drew 3-3 with Cameroon, drew 1-1 with England and lost 0-1 in the quarter-finals to the eventual world champion, West Germany.

Two players remain from that squad — Jim Patikas of Sydney Olympic, and Fabio Incantulo of Juventus (Vic).

The Australian squad is:

**GOALKEEPERS:** Chris Hummel (Canberra), Anthony Fransen (Aust. Inst. of Sport).

**DEFENDERS:** Ralph Maier (Newcastle), Ray Vilestira (Wollongong), Tony Dakos (Olympic), Joe Rizzotto (Marconi), Roy Jones (AIS), Paul Daley (Melita Eagles).

**MIDFIELDERS:** Tommy McCulloch (Marconi), Russell Stewart (Brisbane Lions), Jim Patikas (Olympic), Fabio Incantulo (Juventus), Steve Glockner (Brisbane City).

**FORWARDS:** Frank Farina (Canberra), Rod Brown, Rene Licata (Marconi), David Lowe (Newcastle), Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions).

Players on standby: Robby Slater (St George), David Miller (Adelaide Azzurri), Marcelo Salvo (AIS), Luciano Fabrizio (AIS) and Steve Maxwell (Adelaide City).

The most likely team would be: Hummel — Maier, Dakos, Vilestira, Rizzotto — Patikas, Stewart, McCulloch, Incantulo — Brown, Lowe.



Tony Dakos

# NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets:

		HOME					AWAY						
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1.	(2) Preston-Makedonia	3	1	0	6	3	1	2	1	6	5	12-8	15
2.	(4) Newcastle KB United	2	2	0	5	2	2	0	2	10	6	15-8	14
*3.	(1) Brisbane City	3	0	1	10	6	1	2	0	4	3	14-9	14
4.	(8) West Adelaide Hellas	3	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	3	4	8-7	14
5.	(7) Sydney City Hakohs	1	3	0	5	3	2	0	6	8	11-11	12	
6.	(3) Heidelberg-Alexander	3	1	0	6	1	0	2	2	1	6	7-7	12
7.	(9) Canberra Arrows	3	1	0	13	3	0	1	3	4	7	17-10	11
8.	(5) Sydney Olympic	1	1	2	5	3	2	1	1	5	5	10-8	11
*9.	(6) St. George Budapest	3	1	0	8	2	0	1	2	0	2	6-4	11
10.	(14) Marconi-Fairfield	2	1	1	5	5	1	0	3	4	5	9-9	10
*11.	(11) APIA-Leichhardt	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	3	3	7	6-7	8
12.	(10) South Melbourne Hellas	1	1	2	6	7	1	1	2	5	7	11-14	8
13.	(12) Adelaide City Juventus	2	1	1	6	5	0	1	3	2	7	8-12	8
14.	(13) Wollongong	0	3	1	5	6	0	1	2	5	7	10-13	7
*15.	(15) Brisbane Lions	2	0	1	7	2	0	1	3	2	11	9-12	7
16.	(16) Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	0	3	12	1	1	2	2	6	5	5-17	7

\*Denotes match in hand.

# McDowell on way, Mitchell back

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**NSL leader Preston-Makedonia is under threat from desperate South Melbourne Hellas in a thrilling round featuring six local derbies.**

Hellas, having suffered four losses in a row — to St George, Wollongong, Brisbane City and Newcastle — got into gear for its clash with Makedonia at Middle Park by beating an under-strength Footscray J.U.S.T. 5-1 in a practice match.

J.U.S.T. played without six of its regulars, while Hellas missed only Alan Davidson, who is injured.

# Scramble to join new-look NSL

From page one

Asked what Croatia's attitude would be if the NSL demanded that the club change its name, Sigur said: "We're already called Melbourne-Croatia. We could be called Melbourne in the NSL, but it's all pretty stupid."

Asked about the anticipated opposition by State Federations, he added: "We don't want to hurt the VFA or anyone else. I hope all the parties involved can sit down together and work it out peacefully."

Ajax, State League champion for the past two years, quickly countered allegations that it does not have sufficient crowd support to play in the NSL.

Club spokesman Arnold Langer said he was confident the community of St Albans would get behind Ajax in the NSL and that the club would get home support of at least 1000.

He added the club expected to be granted a full liquor licence by August and that it was planning a two-storey extension to its social club at Green Gully Reserve.

"Ajax is putting soccer on the map in the western suburbs, and we've been doing so for the past four years," he said.

"When we started our drive, we had only 25 members. Now we have 220 members, paying \$80 a year."

"We've got facilities worth more than a quarter of a million dollars, plus an entire complex of soccer pitches."

"If we don't get our chance in the NSL now, what's the point of continuing? We've won everything there is to be won in Victorian soccer, and we'll win the championship against this year."

He added that the club was on the look-out for at least two top players from the U.K.

"We want to be in the top league, beating the top teams. That is our aim," Langer said.

Fawkner president Greg Schipano and Polonia spokesman John Pater said their clubs definitely wanted to be included in the NSL.

Fawkner has strong support from the Italian community in

the northern suburbs of Melbourne and Polonia offers the as-yet untapped Polish soccer market.

In Sydney, Croatia and Melita Eagles are the leading candidates. The third may be a Perth-based club, or perhaps Sutherland Shire.

NSL chairman Sam Papaevass visited Tasmania recently to determine that State's eligibility, but apparently Tasmania is not yet ready.

The meeting decided to include the Queensland clubs in the south instead of the north because otherwise the south would have had trouble finding sufficient new clubs to make up the numbers.

But the proposal for the end-of-season finals is disappointing.

It had been hoped that the finals would have a more national flavor.

As it is, each region will have its own finals series, rather than the top four of each competing in a national play-off competition.

An administrative office is to be set up in Melbourne to help run the southern region. At the moment, NSL headquarters are in Sydney.

But proposed match schedule creates a major problem.

At the moment, local derbies that draw the biggest crowds — Heidelberg v. Hellas for example — benefit both clubs because they are played twice during the season — one home match for each club.

Under the new proposal, there will be only one such game, benefiting only the club lucky enough to be drawn at home.

Clubs like Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra, which have no local derbies at the moment, are also at a disadvantage. Imagine if, say, Wollongong's home matches within its region happen to be against Canberra, Sydney City, St. George, the new NSW country team, and perhaps Newcastle. That would mean it would not have the benefit of games from crowd-drawing clubs like Sydney Olympic, APIA or Marconi.

Hellas beat Makedonia 4-0 in their Cup match early in the season, with Doug Brown scoring two goals against his former side.

But in league matches over the past two years, each team has won once, with the other two games resulting in 1-1 draws.

Makedonia is a much fitter and better-organised team now. It has two tough ball-winners in Gordon Flavell and George McMillan, an immensely experienced and well-composed midfield maestro in Zarko Odzakovic and a sound defensive duo in George Todorovski and David Jones, not to mention the great skill of George Campbell on the wing and Claude Lucchesi up front.

Hellas is sure to play a more cautious game than previously in order to avoid yet another defeat and it would be wise to scrap the offside plan which has not had into trouble in earlier matches.

Ian Purdie, Canberra's top scorer last season, will make his league debut for Footscray J.U.S.T. against Heidelberg-Alexander at Schintler Reserve on Saturday.

And J.U.S.T. also may feature Gary McDowell.

McDowell, captain of Scottish First Division club Hamilton Academicals for the past four years, was delaying his departure to ensure that Hamilton would not be relegated. Hamilton saved itself by beating Clyde 4-1 at the weekend, so McDowell should arrive in Melbourne today (Wednesday) or tomorrow.

Zdravko Lujic and Jamie Paton have been suffering from minor injuries but both should be OK for the big clash with Heidelberg, which hopes that forwards Scott Patterson and Mike Valentine click in this match and reproduce the winning partnership they had at Box Hill.

Soccer striker David Mitchell made an encouraging comeback after injury, scoring Sydney City's third goal in its 3-1 victory over Sydney Olympic in a practice match last weekend.

He is certain to be in Sydney City's line-up against APIA at the Sydney Athletic Field on Saturday.

City's other two scorers last weekend were Joe Watson and Gerardo Gomez. Watson had a fine game in midfield, while Steve O'Connor and Alex Robertson completely dominated in defence.

APIA meanwhile managed only a 1-1 draw in Wollongong. Johan Schermann, the Austrian midfielder star, scored for APIA, and Ray Cotton netted for Wollongong.

Schermann is having a big impact on the APIA midfield, but I doubt that APIA can withstand the power of Sydney City.

Channel 9/2's "Match of the Day", to be shown on Sunday night, is between

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v APIA-Leichhardt** at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.

Record so far: SC 5 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, 19-9 goals.

**Footscray J.U.S.T. v HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER** at Schintler Reserve, 3pm.

Record so far: H'berg 7 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 24-14 goals.

SUNDAY

**Sydney Olympic v ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST** at Pratten Park, 3pm.

Record so far: Olymp. 5 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, 15-8 goals.

**Marconi-Fairfield v WOLLONGONG** at Marconi Stadium, 3pm.

Record so far: W'gong 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 7-5 goals.

**Brisbane Lions v BRISBANE CITY** at Richlands, 3pm.

Record so far: BC 5 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 15-12 goals.

**South Melbourne Hellas v Preston Makedonia** (draw) at Middle Park, 3pm.

Record so far: SM 1 win, 2 draws, 1 loss, 4-3 goals.

**Canberra Arrows v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.

Record so far: Newc. 5 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses, 20-18 goals.

**WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v Adelaide City Juventus** at Hindmarsh, 2.30pm.

Record so far: AC 7 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses, 20-10 goals.

**Olympic and St George** at Pratten Park.

St George had a scoreless draw with Newcastle in last weekend's practice match.

However, that result against Newcastle — one of the powerhouses of the NSL — was made possible only by goalkeeper Mike Fraser who saved everything that came his way, including a penalty by Bob Mountford.

Olympic still is smarting from its 0-1 loss to Footscray J.U.S.T. in their last NSL match, but there appears to be something wrong with the Olympic team, and I expect St George to win.

Let's remember that St George has a game in hand, giving it potentially 13 points only two less than league leader Makedonia. Saints are a tight team unit, with Robbie Slater firing in attack.

Their back line will stick very tightly to the Olympic danger men, and the most intriguing part of the match will be the midfield battle between Olympic's Katholos, Patikas and Phillips, and Saints' Stone, Barton and John O'Shea.

Canberra, the top-scoring team in the league, deserves more support from the people of the national capital, especially in its game against mighty Newcastle at Bruce Stadium.

Newcastle was in tremendous form against St George in their practice match, with Grant Lee hitting the woodwork, Howard Tremlick dominating at left back, and Brett Cowburn outstanding in midfield.

Canberra will fight valiantly but Newcastle will prove too good.

# Magath out?

WEST GERMAN World Cup midfielder Felix Magath may miss Hamburg's European Cup final against Juventus this month because of injury.

Magath ruptured a muscle in Hamburg's 2-1 defeat of Hertha Berlin two days ago but the seriousness of his injury was not disclosed until the weekend.

Magath, who stepped down from the national team after last year's World Cup, has just over two weeks to be fit for the final in Athens on May 25.

Fellow international midfielder Jimmy Hartwig has already been ruled out of the final by suspension.

With four games to come, Hamburg is on top of the table but leads Werder Bremen only

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Zarko Odzakovic (Makedonia) and Russell Stewart (Brisbane Lions), both in their first NSL season, are in the "Soccer Action" all-star line-up according to votes so far in the Boral Bricks Player of the Year award.

The all-star line-up, chosen on votes gained by players in the 11 positions:

Terry GREEDY (St George)	Alan DAVIDSON (SM-Hellas)	Charlie YANKOS (Heidelberg)	Peter TOKESI (Brisb. City)	John SPANOS (Heidelberg)
Russell STEWART (Brisb. Lions)	Zarko ODZAKOV (Makedonia)	Steve BRYANT (Canberra)	Phil O'CONNOR (Wollongong)	David Lowe (Newcastle)
			George CAMPBELL (Makedonia)	

The only player not in his usual position is Alan Davidson, who plays left back, but he has more votes than any of the right-back candidates.

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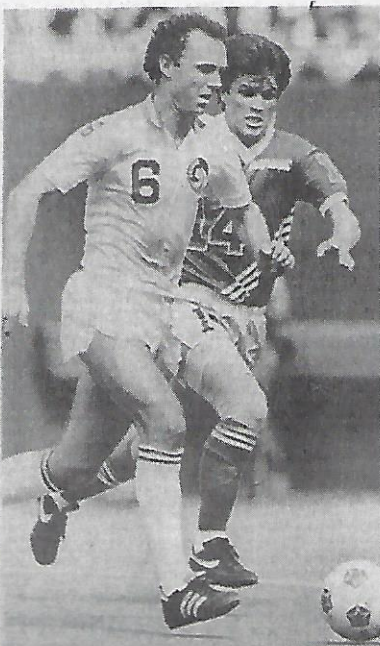
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# GENTILE A CAVE MAN — MARADONA



**Greek fans stay home, Rix is hurt**

Diego Maradona has launched a bitter attack on European soccer and its so-called stars. Main target was Italian tough guy Claudio Gentile whom he calls a cave-man. Maradona doesn't spare the rod for Spanish players either. The Barcelona striker reckons he Lopez Ufarte and Gordillo are the only three good ones in the country.

## Axeman

Pace Bonet of Real Madrid, the Spanish international, is being dubbed as the hatchet man. In his first season in the Spanish First Division, Bonet has been booked 16 times and suffered eight suspensions in every competition from the Spanish Cup to the Olympic qualifying rounds.

## Santana

Former Brazil World Cup manager Tele Santana who was lured to Saudi Arabia last year, has led his side Al Ahli to the League Championship. Runners-up were Al Hilal coached by Ladislao Kubala the former Czech and Hungarian maestro.

## Oil cash

Arab cash has lured Paulo Cesar, the Brazilian coach of 1981 World Cup champions Flamengo to the Middle East where he has signed a two-year contract

## Thames Valley who?

A merger between Oxford United and Reading is in the air. It is being engineered by millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell, chairman of the university town's side who wants to rename the club Thames Valley Royals. But former Reading player Roger Smees himself a wealthy businessman is reported to be ready to outbid Maxwell's move which he considers is a take-over and not amalgamation.

with club team Al Shaab worth around \$400,000.

## Won't tour

Graham Rix, the Arsenal and England star, has been virtually ruled out of England's summer tour of Australia after suffering a hamstring strain in the match with Norwich. He had also to pull out of England's side against Hungary in the European Championships.

## Scots' share

The Scottish Football Association profit from the World Cup finals in Spain last year was \$608,000 compared with profits of \$622,000 in 1978 and \$424,000 in 1974. The SFA also collected \$500,000 from sponsorship.

## DalGLISH

Kenny DalGLISH is almost certain to be named Footballer of the Year again in England. This would rank him alongside Sir Stanley Matthews of Blackpool and Stoke, Danny Blanchflower of Spurs and Tom Finney of Preston North End as the only double winners of the Football Writers' treasured statuette. DalGLISH won the award in 1979 and this season took off the PFA Player of the Year Award.

## Greek slump

Statistics from the first half of the Greek season show that 33,878 ticket fewer were sold this season compared with last in the First Division. An average 7,910 spectators attended a match in the first half of this season. Only in eight matches were there more than 20,000 tickets sold. In eight matches fewer than 1,500 tickets were purchased, topped by the lowest attendance at the Kastoria-Doxa match (1,097 spectators).

## Breitner

May 31 is the date set for the Paul Breitner Farewell in Munich as the long-serving Bayern and West Germany midfielder intends to carry through with his announced intention of retiring this summer. Already plans have been made for the game, with the curtain-raiser being a youth game between Kolbermoor and ESV Freilassing, the clubs for whom Breitner played before joining Bayern more than a decade ago. Men who have said they will play in the all-stars' match to follow include Italy's Dino Zoff and Paolo Rossi and Argentina's Diego Maradona and Mario Kempes.

## Plan planned

The Sir Norman Chester plan for the reconstruction of English League soccer is likely to end up in the dustbin as did a similar report from the same source 14 years ago. A meeting of the chairman of the 92 clubs has said No to a smaller First Division and No again to regionalisation of the Third and Fourth divisions. Some minor points in the report are to be considered.

## Hill 'black'

Jimmy Hill, BBC 'Match of the Day' anchorman and Coventry City chairman, heads the latest black list of British sportsmen linked with out-lawed South Africa. Hill's involvement with the ill-fated rebel soccer tour of South Africa last summer is the reason. The pirate team are black-listed.

From JIM COOK  
our European  
correspondent

## Masochist

Brighton skipper Steve Foster openly admitted he deliberately tried to get booked in their recent game against Coventry. Foster, hovering on the brink of automatic suspension, even asked the referee what he had to do to get booked. Reason Foster wanted to get his one-match suspension over was to ensure that he is available for the Cup Final against Manchester United on May 21. But the referee just laughed off Foster's request.



# SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

## European Cup Final

## JUVENTUS v HAMBURG

In Athens, May 25

JUVENTUS						HAMBURG					
Name	Age	Caps	Pos	Name	Age	Caps					
DONI ZOFF	41	111	G	ULI STEIN	28						
CLAUDIO GENTILE	29	67	RB	MANFRED KALTZ	30	69					
SERGIO BRIO	26		CB	DITMAR JAKOBS	29	1					
GAETANO SCIREA	29	60	SW	HOLGER HIERONYMUS	24	3					
ANTONIO CABRINI	25	43	LB	BERND WEHMEYER	30						
MASSIMO BONI	23		MF	WOLFGANG ROLFF	23	1					
MARCO TARDELLI	28	67	MF	JUGEN MILEWSKI	25	2					
ROBERTO BETTEGA	32	42	MF	JURGEN GROH	26	1					
MICHAEL PLATINI	27	44(Fr)	MF	FELIX MAGATH	29	24					
PAOLO ROSSI	26	32	CF	LARS BASTRUP	27	28(Den)					
ZBIGNIEW BONIEK	27	59 (Pol)	AT	HORST HRUBESCH	32	21					
Luciano Bodini	29		G	Uwe Hain	27						
Massimo Stergato	21		FB	Michael Schmidt	20						
Guiseppe Furino	36		MF	Allan Hansen	27	20(Den)					
Domenico Marocchino	26		AT	Thomas Von Heesen	21						
Guiseppe Galdieri	20		AT								

Coach: GIOVANNI TRAPATTONI

Coach: ERNST HAPPEL

## HOW THEY GOT THERE

JUVENTUS:	HAMBURG:	PREVIOUS WINNERS:
4-1 a v Hvidovre — Platini, Rossi, Brio, Cabrini	4-2 on agg (semi-finals)	1956-60 Real Madrid, 1961-62 Benfica, 1963 Milan, 1964-65 Internazionale, 1966 Real Madrid, 1967 Celtic, 1968 Manchester United, 1969 Feyenoord, 1971-72 Ajax Amsterdam, 1974-76 Bayern Munich, 1977-78 Liverpool, 1979-80 Nottingham Forest, 1981 Liverpool, 1982 Aston Villa
3-3 h v Hvidovre — Boniek, Platini, Rossi	SCORERS: Rossi 6, Platini 5, Tardelli 3, Boniek 2, Bettega 1, Brio 1, Cabrini 1	SCORERS: Bastrup 4, Hartwig 2, Hrubesch 2, Rolff 2, Von Heesen 2, Magath 1, Milewski 1, Jakobs 1
7-4 on agg	1-1 a v Dynamo E. Berlin — Milewski	MOST WINS: Real Madrid 6; Ajax, Bayern, Liverpool 3 each; Benfica Internazionale, Milan, Nottingham Forest 2 each; Celtic, Manchester United, Feyenoord and Aston Villa 1 each.
1-1 a v Standard Leige — Tardelli	2-0 h v Dynamo E. Berlin — Hartwig, Krubesch	
2-0 h v Standard Leige — Rossi 2	3-1 on agg	
3-1 on agg	1-0 h v Olympiakos	
2-1 a v Aston Villa (holders) — Rossi, Boniek	Piraeus — Von Heesen	
3-1 h v Aston Villa — Platini 2, Tardelli	4-0 a v Olympiakos — Magath, Hrubesch, Rolff, Bastrup	
5-2 on agg (quarter-finals)	5-0 on agg	
2-0 h v Widzew Lodz — Tardelli, Bettega	3-0 a v Dynamo Kiev — Bastrup 3	
2-2 a v Widzew Lodz — Rossi, Platini pen	1-2 a v Real Sociedad — Rolff	
	2-1 h v Real Sociedad — Jakobs, Von Heesen	

## Cup Winners Cup Final

## ABERDEEN v REAL MADRID

May 11, in Gothenburg  
(May 12, Australian time)

## PROBABLE TEAMS

Aberdeen: Jim Leighton — Stuart Kennedy, Alex McLeish, Willie Miller, Doug Rougvie — Gordon Strachan, Neil Simpson, Neale Cooper, Eric Black — Mark McGhee, Peter Weir.

Real Madrid: Agustín — Juan Jose, Francisco Bonet, Johnny Metgod, Jose Camacho — Angel, Ricardo Gallego, Uli Stielike, Isidoro San Jose — Juanito, Santillana.

## HOW THEY GOT THERE

ABERDEEN bt Slon 7-0, 4-1 (prelim md); bt Dinamo Tiran 1-0, 0-0; bt Lech Poznan 2-0, 1-0; bt Bayern Munich 0-0, 3-2 (qtr-fnl); bt Waterschal 5-1, 0-1 (semi). Scorers: McGhee 6, Hewitt 4, Black 3, Simpson 3, Weir 2, Bell 1, Kennedy 1.

McLeish 1, Miller 1, Strachan 1. REAL MADRID bt Bala Mare 0-0, 5-2; bt Ujpest Dorcas 3-1, 1-0; bt Internazionale 1-1, 2-1 (qtr-fnl); bt F K Austria 2-2, 3-1 (semi). Scorers: Santillana 8, Juanito 3, Gallego 1, Garcia Hernandez 1, Isidoro 1, Metgod

1. Salguero 1, San Jose 1. PREVIOUS WINNERS: 1971 Chelsea, 1972 Glasgow Rangers, 1973 Milan, 1974 Mladegburg, 1975 Dynamo Dresden, 1976 Anderlecht, 1977 Hamburg, 1978 Anderlecht, 1979 Barcelona, 1980 Valencia, 1981 Dynamo Tbilisi, 1982 Barcelona.

## Benfica waits for return

Anderlecht's hopes of winning its third major trophy in eight seasons were severely dented when it struggled to beat Benfica of Portugal 1-0 in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final in Brussels.

The Belgians, will have their work cut out to hold onto their slender advantage in the return in Lisbon on May 18. They enjoyed a one-man

advantage for the last 15 minutes after Benfica midfielder Jose Luis Silva was sent off but rarely showed the sparkling goal-scoring form which has shot them to the top of the Belgian first division.

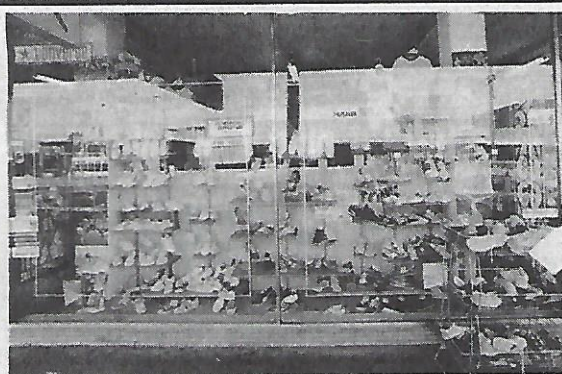
The only goal was scored in the 30th minute by Danish striker Kenneth Brylle.

Teams: ANDERLECHT — Munaron, Hofkens, Peruzovic, Olsen, Degroote, Frimann, Lozano, Cocci-

Vercauteren, Vandenbergh (Czeremiatynski), Brylle. BENFICA — Bente, Pietra, Humberto Coelho, Silva, Scheu, Manuel, Chalana, Diamantino, Alvaro, Frederico (Lopez), Filipovic (Nene).

How they got there: Anderlecht bt Kuperen Pelletier 3-0, 3-1; bt Porto 4-0, 2-2; bt Saragosa 0-1, 0-1; bt Valencia 2-1, 3-1 (qtr); bt Borussia Dortmund 1-0, 2-1 (semi). Scorers: Vandenbergh 7, Luzzo 4, Brylle 4, Cocci 3, Vercauteren 3, Czeremiatynski 3, De Groot 1, Olsen 1, Peruzovic (Benfica) sent off 1.

Benfica bt Beira 2-1, 2-1; bt Lazio 2-0, 2-1; bt F. C. Zurich 1-1, 4-0; bt Roma 2-1, 1-1 (qtr); bt Ue. Crivina 0-0, 1-1 (semi). Scorers: Nene 8, Figueira 8, Humberto Coelho 2, Carlos Manuel 1, Diamantino 1, Pefelke 1. Previous winners (Fairs Cup/UEFA Cup) — 1956 Barcelona, 1958 Barcelona, 1961 Roma, 1962-63 Valencia, 1964 Zaragoza, 1965 Feyenoord, 1966 Barcelona, 1967 Dinamo Zagreb, 1968 Leeds, 1969 Hibernia, 1970 Arsenal, 1971 Leeds, 1972 Tottenham, 1973 Liverpool, 1974 Feyenoord, 1975 Borussia M'gladbach, 1976 Liverpool, 1977 Juventus, 1978 PSV Eindhoven, 1979 Borussia M'gladbach, 1980 Eintracht Frankfurt, 1981 Ipswich, 1982 FC Garmisch. Most wins: Barcelona 3; Borussia M'gladbach, Liverpool, Valencia 2 each.



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# Poles may show the way

**PROBLEM SOLVED:** As you all well know Albion Rovers have been unable to find the net this season. We have tried everything this year such as putting sign posts up showing the way to goal, also every Thursday night we take them on a guided tour of the goals featuring a panoramic view of the back of the net.

No expense is spared; the forward line even have their pick from the finest kennel of guide-dogs in Melbourne. The local Council have even offered to build us a free-way into the opposition's goal mouth. Anyway, I think I have solved our problems. I have sent letters to Leyland Motors and the British Railways, also I have written to the Solidarity Movement in Poland, after all they have THOUSANDS OF STRIKERS.

**HIGHLAND FLING:** I was at a Scottish night last week organised by Waverley City. I thoroughly enjoyed myself as I am sure everybody there did. Wee Bobby McLachlan was there. He came straight from training at J.U.S.T. I'm sure he would like to thank his Police escort for getting him there so quickly.

The Heidelberg Utd Scottish Society was represented by Jimmy MacTansy and Lady Elaine. The Prahran City Society was represented by Frank McKinnon and Princess Anne J.U.S.T. was to the fore with the MacLeods, the MacFalls, the MacTaylors and of course the McLachlans.

Wee Georgie Campbell was there resplendent in his kilt and sporran. He had socks with the wife's good stay-sharp knife stuck down one of them and shin guards on — he must have thought big Frank MacLeod was going to ask him to dance.

By the way, wee Georgie won a prize in the raffle. It was a miniature of Scotch Jimmy MacDiamantaris helped him carry it back to the table. Big Gus was very reluctant to dance until the Pacemaker Combo (average age 75) struck up a few Rangers songs, then we couldn't get him off. The grin on his face was wider than the gap between Croatia and Albion. It was a good night and thanks goes to Norma Brian, Bill Rowley and Waverley City.

**GOING WELL:** Met big Bob Guthrie, President of North Dandenong, in the "Castle" and I asked how the Club was going. "Aw! first class," says Bob, "the team's doing really well, the supporters are great and the money is rolling in."

Then he told me he had just bought a new car and his team manager, Dave, told me he is going overseas on holiday! Magic boys, keep it up. Only kidding!! They are a good bunch up there. One thing though, I heard all the Scottish clubs in Melbourne are lining up at North

## LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY



Dandy since they found out Arthur McMillan is giving away penalty kicks.

**FOOT AND MOUTH — PART 4:** We are still following the adventure of Liam ("Hey Muppet-Heid") Houston. Last week he was in Africa, this week we find him in Saudi Arabia. His first job there was in a camel-wash but he was sacked for taking the hump. It was while in this barren and Liam suspected his good lady was having an affair. His suspicions were confirmed when he discovered they still had the same milkman.

Journeymen on alone, our hero joined a circus — I can't remember its name, either Ashton's or Slavia's. He started off as a secretary taking bookings and making truck calls for the elephants. Then one day the human cannonball was fired so Liam shot into the limelight when he was offered the job. Our hero became the star attraction. Three times a day he was bulletted out of the cannon, the crowds loved him.

The circus moved onto Australia. Here Tootsie (I'll explain the name later) decided to quit so he "SHOT" into the Ringmaster's caravan. "You can't quit," said the boss, "where will I get a man of your calibre?" Tootsie apologised, reloaded himself and shot off!! More next week.

**'ODD MAN OUT:** "Soccer Action" is offering a prize to the person who can spot the odd man out in the following: — This is the Caulfield City Reserve team which played against Prahran City's reserves last week: Petros, Strapollis, Dounias, Smith, Antonopoulos, Topolida, Tzanbadis, Pazianas, Malliaros, Vavitis, Lintouris.

The first correct entry will receive two tickets to any of Frankston City's away games, a trip on Boobby McLachlan's police car and a photograph (coloured of course) of Liam Houston's trackout.

**OUCH!!** Shocker Myles was standing on the top of a seven foot ladder painting his wallet. A twenty cent piece fell out of his pocket and when Shocker ran down to get it it hit him on the head.

**INVESTIGATIONS:** I have it from a very reliable source that Irishman Paddy Moore, president of Sandringham City, is really of Scottish descent. Paddy-me-boy, the family tree will have to be investigated. Looks like your hurley stick could be confiscated and your badges of office (shamrock) stripped from your laps.

See brother son! Yerr was pals doon in re' Castle will welcome you into the Scottish fold. Just let us know all your clan details. You know, things like what tartan, what size of sporran you take, what kind of Scotch you drink, left or right handed claymore etc. It will be a braw day when Jock Moore joins the Clan.

# Arok's eyes on Wishart after 3-0 Qsld. triumph

QUEENSLAND 3 (Stewart, 33rd Pen., Wright 37th, Hamilton 47th) NEW SOUTH WALES 0 at Perry Park. Crowd: about 3500.

By  
RICKY  
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Referee: Bill Monteverde G.  
OLD: Wishart 8, Perry 8, Tokal 7, Liddell 8, Niven 7, Stewart 9, Pimblett 9, Hamilton 8, Wright 9, Glocker 6 (Hagg 74th), Hughes 7.  
NSW: Woodhouse 7, Wheatley 6, Jennings 74th, M. O'Shea 6, Bertogno 7, Ratcliffe 6, Stone 7, Katholos 7, Kay 6, Kosmina 8, O'Connor 7 (Soper 63rd), Jankovics 6.

Brisbane City goalkeeper Kim Wishart, rated recently by South Melbourne's Rale Rasic as currently the best in Australia, could come into Frank Arok's national squad for the three matches against England in June.

Arok, the caretaker national coach, was impressed with Wishart when he watched Queensland down New South Wales 3-0 at Perry Park in Brisbane last Sunday.

He said he "would keep an eye on Wishart" over the next few weeks and if the two keepers currently in Arok's squad did not produce what he was after, the Brisbane City keeper could come into the squad.

Arok firmly believes England will play a lot of high balls and says St George keeper Terry Creedy is the best in Australia to handle that. But his reserve keeper is Croatia's Steve Watson, who was in the NSW squad for the Queensland match but sat on the bench.

But Arok also anticipates a lot of shooting from the England forwards and wants a keeper with good reflexes and it was Wishart's display in that department against NSW that caught Arok's eye.

The big City keeper, who always shows great agility despite his weight, made for good reflex saves during the match to keep out the few dangerous NSW attacks.

Mostly the match was all Queensland and had the Maroons not squandered numerous second-half chances, the score could well have approached double figures.

New South Wales was a disjointed, lazy-looking side. The strikers got into each other's way, the midfielders never



Vanquished NSW, from left, standing: M. O'Shea, Woodhouse, Watson, Bertogno, Jankovics, Ratcliffe, Kosmina, Soper. Front: Wheatley, Jennings, Katholos, Stone, Kay, O'Connor. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

supported each other and the defenders all got dragged onto one side.

By comparison, Queensland played the numbers game and Russell Stewart, Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton, Steve Perry and Peter Tokesi meant the Maroons always had players left over, or second and third defenders.

Unlike NSW coach Johnny Watkiss who avoided selecting the youth team players, Queensland's Bruce Stowell picked all three locals in Danny Wright, Russell Stewart and Stephen Glocker. And the youngsters, still on a high after their selection in the final 18 for Mexico, were outstanding.

Stewart and Wright in particular stamped their class on the match and scored a goal apiece and engineered the third.

Stewart netted his when referee Bill Monteverde awarded a penalty after a handball by Dave Ratcliffe. It was one of those where the ball bounced up onto the St George defenders' hand and while NSW

claimed it was a harsh decision, Ratcliffe did gain benefit in that it helped him control the ball and clear it. The confident Stewart, whose cross it was that led to the handball, took the kick and although Woodhouse dived the correct way, the shot was too powerful.

Wright netted his in sensational style when he ran onto an Alan Niven freekick and scored.

The youngsters worked a shorter corner two minutes into the second half to set Hamilton up for Queensland's third.

But while the youngsters won the hearts of the 3500 strong crowd, the performances of some of the experienced players should not be forgotten. Pimblett was superb. He ran, he tackled, he made the play and but for some poor finishing he should have scored when he broke through and had only Woodhouse to beat.

Frank Liddell was a tower of strength at the back and finished the match with a gash under his eye which needed

stitches in the dressing room later.

Steve Perry and Alan Niven were seldom beaten on the flanks and the skilful Phil O'Connor could make no headway on either wing.

Little can be said about the NSW performance, which Arok described as "poor, even disgraceful".

Katholos looked a very average player and his midfield partners, Paul Kay and Peter Stone, were seldom to be seen. Kosmina tried up front but constantly became entangled with Mark Jankovics. Obviously it proved a mistake by Watkiss to play the pair down the middle. They were their own biggest enemies.

Ratcliffe and Bertogno had their typical, tough matches, with Bertogno earning a yellow card. But while they were reasonably dominating and kept Glocker at bay, they tended to drift and the fast-breaking Queensland often surged through the spaces.

It was a much better performance by Queensland than in their 0-2 loss to Victoria in February but then the opposition was far less classy.

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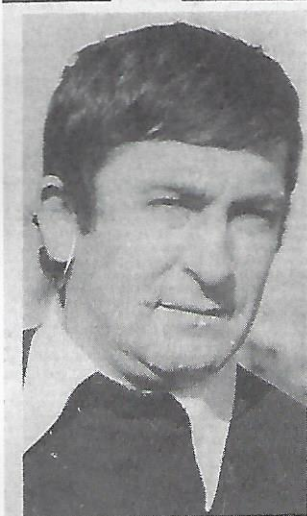
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**Cedo Cirkovic**

**LES GOONEY:** "I feel so sorry for him. He had never played in State League and was looking forward so much to this season. What a shame he was so badly injured against Box Hill. I can tell you that if he had played the whole game against Box Hill, then we would have won, believe me. He is one of the fastest players I have seen. He has a great sprint when he wants to cut out a pass. Unfortunately for Les, I'm not optimistic about him coming back soon."

**TONY SCHIPANO:** "I wanted to sign him for J.U.S.T. years ago. He's fast, strong and can do anything with the ball. He looks after himself before the games too, which is important. You have to prepare yourself properly to play to your best. Tony had a problem with his temperament but we sat down and talked about it and everything has been sorted out. He hasn't had even one yellow card so far in State League, which shows you that his attitude is right."

**ROBERTO PALMARICCIOTTI:** "Young Robert joined us from Geelong this year and it's not easy to jump into State League. But it's up to him to be what he wants to be. He has everything and if I tell you that it is a pleasure to work with Robert at training, please believe me. He is knocking on the door of being a first team regular. I'd like to see him improve his heading under pressure. Apart from that, this boy can be anything in soccer here."

**CARLO SABIDUSSI:** "He's been so long with Fawknor. Everyone respects Carlo. He's a very good leader of our team. He's a typical continental ball player and that's what he's allowed to be. You can't expect him to be a Ged Bannon, always fighting for the ball all over the park. Carlo's a real ball player."

**BRUNO SABIDUSSI:** "Believe me, Bruno is one of the most important players in my team. If he plays good, Fawknor plays good. A key player. I'm sorry to see him struggle with injuries and a suspension and I'm looking forward to having Bruno Sabidussi back fully fit and in top form."

**RAJKO CURCIC:** "Last year Rajko was playing really well. He got injured this year and he's coming back slowly by playing in the reserves. He's a typically skilful Yugoslav. An excellent ball player and a fine left sided attacker."

**EMILIO ANSELMA:** "He lost his confidence a bit but he's coming back now, which is so good to see. He's really sharp. Give him half a chance inside the penalty area and he'll take it. I use him deep now to build up his confidence by getting him more involved. It's working. Actually it's not so unusual. Some people may remember when Billy Rogers was the best centre forward in Victoria and one of the best in Australia. He was switched back to midfield and made a big success of his new position."

**ANDREW BOZIKAS:** "Like Bruno Sabidussi, an important player in the team. One of the best ball players around. He needs a good surface to show his best and sometimes he holds the ball too long but I've been telling him to pass more and he's replying. He's one of those players who can change the game in an instant."

**IAN TUFFIELD:** "He has everything, absolutely everything. I can play him anywhere. For me, he is the complete player. Over 90 minutes he gives you much more than 100 percent. He fights every inch of the way and doesn't know how to give up."

**JOE PALINKAS:** "If he plays simple soccer, he's a star. If he tries to do too much, he's a nobody. He has to look after himself better before the games. I know Joe. I know that he's a single boy and he likes to go to the discos but he has to realise that before a game he must take care of himself. If he does this, then Joe Palinkas can beat any defender in Australia, believe me."

**MILAN KOJIC:** "He disappoints me very much but I know that he can recapture the goosering form he showed when he played in Yugoslavia. He's got a groin injury at present but I know that he can come back."

**BRUNO COZZELLA:** "He's 19 years old and he's going to be the golden boy of Fawknor, believe me. Sometimes he loses concentration during a game and forgets that he must fight all the time but he's young and can overcome that. I expect Bruno Cozzella to be alongside Tommy Cumming and Ossie Latif soon as one of the leading scorers in State League."

**JOHN SANIPOLI:** "A very, very promising boy who works very hard and wants to improve. He has improved so much since I joined the club. If he continues this improvement, then maybe he will be a regular attacking player for us next season."

So much for the players. What about Cirkovic's view of the club as a whole and what can Fawknor fans expect in 1983?

"I feel really sorry for Fawknor right now. So many injuries mean that I can't settle the team. I'm forced to make changes so often that I'm unable to field our best combination."

"I had a fantastic time at J.U.S.T. but right now I'm very, very happy to be with this great club. I'll continue to try to do my best for Fawknor. The people here work so hard. They deserve so much."

"My aim is to build a strong team here. I am concentrating on establishing our club in State League. Next year we will try to win the championship. With a year's experience behind us in this company we will give the title a real try."

"Then again, everything still is possible this year. I read in your paper last week that Mike Lynn, the Polonia coach, thinks that he can win the title this year. That's amazing! If he thinks with his players that he can win State League then I certainly can expect that with my players we can finish in the top four!"

If the Cirkovic-led State League fledgling finishes in the top four this year and if the national competition is regionalised into a northern and southern region, Fawknor will make a strong bid for another jump in status and prestige. It won't be such a big jump for this club, which has swept all before it since joining Metro League ranks way back in 1978. Looking at the remarkable recent history of Fawknor, tying that record in with Cirkovic's impressive background, it would be a brave man indeed who ruled out the possibility of this Italian sponsored club joining the southern region of a new national competition.

Back in 1978, the sky was the limit for Fawknor. Little has changed.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

When Sam Pizzo joined Fawknor's committee back in 1971, the club's annual turnover was about \$10,000. Now, 12 years on, Pizzo is club secretary, an integral member of an administration which oversees a club with a turnover close to \$200,000!

"The huge jump in turnover over the past 12 years has been accommodated by increasing contributions from members, sponsors, and of course, an increase in gate takings," said Pizzo.

"Last year our turnover was about \$110,000. This year we project the turnover to be close to \$200,000 which is an enormous jump. That projection though, doesn't take into account our pending application for a full liquor licence. We will spend about \$25,000 to renovate our clubrooms to meet the requirements of the Liquor Control Commission. We've already incurred about \$2000 in legal expenses and when we're granted a full licence who can tell what this year's turnover will amount to?"

Pizzo is the collection manager for V.L. Finance. He's married with two children, Robert and Carmen. His son, Robert, joined Fawknor's juniors as a nine year old, which triggered Pizzo's long association with the club.

Pizzo has served Fawknor as a junior secretary, president, treasurer, senior secretary and general committee member with only one break, in 1981, over the past 12 years.

The possibility of Fawknor joining a proposed southern region of a national com-

Fawknor-Azzurri's social club at Jukes Road.

# \$200,000 turnover, \$31,000 sponsorship

petition in 1983 is a subject which frequently crops up around the club.

"It's been put to us that it might be too big a jump too soon. We put that to our members who overwhelmingly believe that we are ready. In fact, their reaction was really positive. Our members want to see our club playing in the highest league in the land. It's as simple as that. And we, as a committee, fully support the wishes of our members. We'll give it a real go."

"In the old days we got excited if we drew 100 spectators to our home games. Now, if we don't get over 200 we're disappointed. I'd estimate our average home gate at about 2000."

Fawknor now has only one form of membership. Previously the club had social members and full members. The membership at present numbers around 180 and the committee plans to put a levy on its members to aid its renovation plans for the clubrooms.

Fawknor rightly lays claim to being the best sponsored club in State League. Its main sponsors, Schipano Home Furnishers and Flor-

ence Imports, are sponsoring Fawknor for \$20,000 this year. Fawknor's junior sponsors the reserves team to the tune of \$3,100, which surely is a sponsorship first for Victorian soccer.

Fawknor also has between 40 and 50 smaller sponsors who have advertising signs around the ground. Their contributions range from \$200 to \$300, bringing total sponsorship to at least \$31,000.

"We are the major sporting club in our area and our club is made up of people who live locally. I think that business people see the potential of our club and realise that we offer them a large, captive market."

"I'd say that at least 25 per cent of the people in the suburb of Fawknor are Italian. The local council realised the potential for growth within our club years ago, thanks primarily to a gentleman called Mr Keith Evans, who has retired from the council now. Presently Mr Lou Tartaglia represents the Fawknor ward of Broad-

meadows council and he has helped us greatly. The council has provided us with two grounds, clubrooms and

lights. It spent about \$38,000 last year to upgrade the grounds and a man is employed by the council on a full-time basis to maintain Smith Reserve."

Fawknor hasn't had to import a big name player from Italy to maintain its identity. The club's roots firmly are entrenched in the Italian culture, a tradition which has been maintained since Fawknor's foundation in 1966. First and second generation Italians provide the club with quality players and keen supporters.

However, there's one traditional element of Italian clubs, which Fawknor hopes never will emerge—a wealthy Italian businessman taking over complete control of the club and refusing to relinquish power. Status or prestige to a similarly wealthy countryman.

"People at Fawknor always have shown a genuine interest in furthering the club's ambitions. So far no-one has walked into our club with plenty of money, saying that he wants to be the boss. We have many former presidents at our games. In fact, I myself am a former Fawknor president, as are our sports director, Rocky Capulli."

"Sure, the Schipano influence at the club is enormous. It always has been, but no-one resents that. No-one is jealous of them. That's because they are all good people. They are highly respected."

"As for my own ambitions, well, I've done everything I wanted to do in Fawknor. I've been in so many different committee positions that I've got tremendous satisfaction out of my involvement with the club. As long as I feel I'm needed then I will be there to help the club in any way I can. I love Fawknor. It's as simple as that."



Fawknor, 1978. Back row: N. Ascenzo (vice-president), G. Capulli (president), C. Graser, D. Epifano, S. Bazzano, R. Marcato, R. Vecchiato, T. Schipano, T. Mainenti, C. Baravelli, Mr. De Fazio (sponsor), Frank Calabria (team manager). Front row: C. Sabidussi, F. Fragale, B. Panas, G. Scordia (masseur), S. Caruso, A. de Petro, G. Vecchio, D. De Marchi.

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## Watson on way, Cullen to Juve?

**Former Glasgow Rangers midfielder line-up for Doveton against South Melbourne Hellas at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.**

Watson's arrival is welcome news for the Doves who will be without player-coach Ernie Merrick, badly injured against Falkner on the weekend. Other good news is the return, from injury, of dependable stopper Paul Corke, who is likely to partner Peter Thurlow at the heart of Doveton's defence.

Watson probably will play in midfield alongside John Dowie and Bill Buchanan with Stan Webster, Ian Sturton and developing youngster Mark Lennon playing up front. The Doves should be able to win the points here.

**Football purists, with a love of close ball skills, should be captivated at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday by the clash between home side Polonia and Cedo Cirkovic's Falkner.** Polonia coach Mike Lynn, unceremoniously dumped as coach of Falkner early last year, would like nothing better than to beat the Smith Reserve based outfit. There's a fair amount of personal rivalry between Lynn and Cirkovic so this clash should provide value for money even though I expect the outcome to be a draw.

Melbourne Croatia faces a major hurdle in Bill McCarthy's well drilled Crocydon outfit but I expect the Croatian

sponsored club to triumph. Crocydon's usual sweeper, Ian Dobson, is injured and may miss the next three matches and last Sunday's central defensive pairing of Steve McCombe and Mark Brown will need to rapidly improve their understanding if they are to contain the league's joint leading scorers, Croatia pair Tommy Cumming and Ossie Latif.

Juventus is rumored to be bringing Rob Cullen back from Scotland. If this is true then it's a slap in the face to Sunshine-George Cross, which has been negotiating with Cullen and his current club, Preston Makedonia, over the past few weeks. Our sources lead us to believe that Cullen will join Juventus on June 2.

Juventus travels to Jubilee Park on Sunday to take on Nick van Edmond's Ringwood Wilhelmina and even though it will be without suspended sweeper Pat Bannon and also could lose injured striker Andrew Zinni, the black and whites must start favorite.

Fabio Incantulupo also will be missing from the Juve line-up. Incantulupo has to join the young Socceross in camp as they prepare for their assault on the World Youth Cup in Mexico in June. No doubt Kevin Lloyd, who started off



### Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

on the bench against Ajax on the weekend, will be in the starting line-up and should Zinni be unable to shrug off his ankle injury, his spot could be taken by Jim Neilson.

Ajax and Sunshine-George Cross clash in the big Maltese derby at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday and even though the combine reportedly is improving as a team unit it's outside the realms of my imagination to envisage Ajax even dropping a point here.

Northcote may add to Morwell's worries by taking a point from its John Cain Reserve confrontation with Falkon on Sunday. Falkon are yet to recapture the attacking bite they showed last year. They've sold Richie McClunnie, one of their top scorers last year, and another leading scorer, Noel Mitten, is recovering from a hamstring injury. Alun Evans and Bobby McGuinness haven't knitted together as an effective attacking pairing and they'll find John Creany and George Bozakis a handful here.

Box Hill should be able to field its strongest combination

for the past few weeks when it takes on Albion Rovers at Wembley Park. With little confidence, I'm tipping Box Hill but Bill Murray's boys must beware. The end of the infamous Albion goal drought brought with it scenes of amazing euphoria at Selwyn Park on Saturday, which has lifted a great deal of psychological pressure off the Albion players. Now their next target is to win a league game. Like I said, Box Hill beware!

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

**SUNDAY**  
DOVETON v South Melbourne Hellas at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.

Polonia v Falkner (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

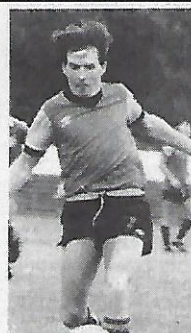
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Crocydon at Olympic Park No. 1, 3 pm.

AJAX v Sunshine-George Cross at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.

Ringwood Wilhelmina v JUVENTUS at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.

Northcote v Morwell Falkon (draw) at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

BOX HILL v Albion Rovers at Wembley Park, 3 pm.



Rob Cullen

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Falkner v Doveton: 3 Fattore (F); 2 Cozzella (F); 1 Tuffield (F).  
Albion v S.M. Hellas: 3 Hennessy (A); 2 Bozinovski (SMH); 1 Macleod (A).

Box Hill v Northcote: 3 Creany (N); 2 Moore (N); 1 McKinlay (BH).

Crocydon v Polonia: 3 Nolan (C); 2 Rainey (C); 1 Sweeney (C).

Morwell v Wilhelmina: 3 O'Callaghan (M); 2 MacLean (M); 1 Bingham (M).

S.G. Cross v Croatia: 3 Blasby (C); 2 Biskic (C); 1 Antolovic (C).

Juventus v Ajax: 3 Williams (A); 2 Rogers (J); 1 P. Bannon (J).

Progressive votes:  
12 - Tuffield (Falkner), Moore (Northcote).

9 - Macleod (Albion).  
8 - Denys (Ajax), Mila (Polonia).

Leading Scorers:  
7 - Cumming, Latif (Croatia).

5 - Nolan (Crocydon), Marshall, Przybyla (Polonia).

4 - Smallman, Toal (Ajax), Wade (Crocydon), Dowie (Doveton), Cozzella (Falkner), McGuinness (Falkon), Gilder (S.G. Cross), Stewart (Wilhelmina).

## Short to Cannell to Hogben to Lewis to Short to Cannell to Lewis to . . .

**JUVENTUS 1 (P. Bannon pen. 56th) AJAX 0 at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, Crowd 1397.**

**JUVENTUS:** Clayton 7 - V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 8 (sent off 70th), Drinovsky 7, Hird 7 - G. Bannon 7, Rogers 8, Sweeney 8, French 6, Incantulupo 5, Zinni 7 (inj. sub. Lloyd 7, half time).

**AJAX:** Denys 6, Peter Lewis 7, Short 7, Cannell 7, Hogben 8 - Greechan 6 (Mancinelli 60th), Boyle 6, Smallman 6, (Branick 60th), Williams 9 - Toal 7, Paul Lewis 7.

There's Short passing square to Cannell and now to Peter Lewis, then back to Short. Will Cannell get another kick? Yes he does. What about Hogben? Give him a go. Sure. Dave have a kick. Back to Short now, and square to Cannell. Square again to Peter Lewis, and it's Short's turn again. What about the goal keeper? Oh well, he'll give Low Denys a kick. Here you are. OK. Now a square pass to Cannell, and another to Hogben, and back to Short.

The Juventus players are standing, with their arms folded, watching all this, yawning, and tapping their feet.

Like prima donnas, the Ajax stars strut about, no doubt overawed by their own achievements these past two years.

Juventus offers in reply its no-nonsense comment, especially in midfield where the tackles of Billy Rogers, Ged Bannon and Kevin Swinscoe win the ball for Juventus with monotonous regularity.

Unfortunately for the spectators, both teams are reluctant to go forward, for fear of creating space which the opponents may exploit.

At least, however, Juventus keeps three men forward - Graham French, Fabio Incantulupo and Andrew Zinni until he is injured. And Juventus does look for break-aways, a handful of which look promising.

Ajax plays the entire first half with one striker - Paul Lewis - because Bobby Toal, to his credit, comes deep in the vain hope of at least getting a look at the ball.

Even when Juventus leads 1-0, Ajax does not summon any sense of urgency. Still, the defenders practice their passing skills among themselves. In the first half, Ajax never had created numbers in attack. Now, when total commitment is required, we see numbers created up front only once, namely, due to the hard work of winger Jim Williams and left back David Hogben, and sometimes Peter Lewis on the right.

But Juventus is in control, even after Pat Bannon is sent off over a clash with Stuart Cannell, leaving 'Juve' with only 10 men for the last 20 min-



**Paddy Bannon (extreme right) slams in the penalty which gave Juventus a 1-0 win on Sunday ending Ajax's run of 16 consecutive games undefeated. Others pictured, from left, Ged Bannon, Kevin Lloyd (Juventus), Peter Boyle, Dave Hogben, Bobby Toal, Lou Denys (Ajax). Picture by LES SHORROCK.**

Pat Bannon had been outstanding in defence, and Billy Rogers who had stood tall in midfield, now drops back to Bannon's sweeper's position.

Mancinelli joins Ajax's earlier substitute, Beranic, with time running out. Peter Lewis shoots wide of the post, and a free kick by Williams is saved by goalkeeper Gary Clayton.

The whistle is blown. Juventus is the winner, and Ajax's 16-week unbeaten run is over.

Two incidents stand out as scoring opportunities in this

match; the first a header by Pat Bannon from a corner in the 18th minute and the second a close-in glancing header by substitute Kevin Lloyd from a cross by Ged Bannon in the 46th minute.

Lloyd replaced Zinni, who was injured in a tackle by Cain line-up, in formation on half time.

The winning goal came in the 56th minute. A powerful header by Rogers would have scored, had it not been handled on the goal line. Pat Bannon

took the penalty and made no mistake.

But back to all that square passing by the Ajax defence. Did they really expect experienced players like those of Juventus to get stuck in by all of that?

And it's no good Ajax making excuses about how "defensive" Juventus was. It works both ways.

We poor spectators are the ones who suffer.

- LAURIE SCHWAB

## Spy unlocks Hillmen's secrets

**BOX HILL 0 NORTHCOTE 2 (Tasos 35th, Sahinidis 65th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.**

**BOX HILL:** McKinlay 8 - I. Rodhouse 7, Lewis 8, Brown 6 (inj. McPhie 55th, 71, A. Rodhouse 6 - Hughes 5, Miranda 5 - Aszopardi 6 (McLachlan H.T. 6), Taylor 6, Varscha 6, Keenan 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

**NORTHCOTE:** Giannopoulos 8, Williams 7, Baskis 6, Green 6, Gorman 7 - Wright 7, Quigley 7, Moore 8 - Sahinidis 7, Tasos 7 (inj. Constaninou 80th), Culina 8. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Box Hill's coaching staff blundered badly here, forgetting the cardinal rule when playing against a team coached by Tony Vrzina - clean your blackboard and keep your dressing room door locked at all times.

"As I was watching the reserve game the Box Hill players came out of their dressing room to warm up," said Vrzina.

inside the dressing room and there was this blackboard with their line-up, in formation, on it. I was thinking before the game that we would try to play our usual short passing game and build up play but when I saw that blackboard I changed my mind.

"I saw that Box Hill was going to use virtually four in the midfield and with the surface pretty greasy I thought, 'let's change our tactics. Things are going to be congested in midfield so let's use the long passing game here, which we did. It worked to perfection."

Ray Taylor should have scored twice inside the first five minutes. He blew his first chance when he elected to shoot rather than carry the ball forward and draw John Giannopoulos out of goal. Taylor's shot went wide. From his second chance, the experienced striker was foiled by

self and smothered Taylor's close range effort.

Northcote fans still are trying to work out why a superb goal later in the first half was cancelled out for offside. Coach Vrzina claims that the player in an offside position couldn't possibly have been interfering with play. The goal came after a fine inter-passing move. A long ball by Jeff Gorman sent Branko Culina clear. The former Melbourne Croatia and Blacktown striker cut the ball back to Colin Quigley who quickly switched play to the right, finding Jim Sahinidis the clear. Sahinidis finished off the move well with a fine shot only to have the goal chalked off.

The Northerners however, got some range effort, deserts 10 minutes before half time. The move was started by Steve Moore who played a long ball over the head of a Box Hill defender, for Sahinidis who

sidefooted in at the far post.

Yet another long ball, this time from Gorman, started the move which ended in Northcote's second goal in the 65th minute. Culina's attempted cross struck a defender and went out for a corner. Culina played the corner short to Quigley who played a pinpoint long ball to Moore. His attempted shot from the edge of the area was deflected to Sahinidis who struck the ball past John McKinlay from five metres out.

The only dampener on Northcote's day came in the reserve game when recent signing from Polonia, goalkeeper Larry Ostrowsky, collided with an opponent and had to be taken to hospital.

Box Hill, on the other hand, can take heart from the news that Paul Priestley, Pedro Ramos, Matt McDonald and perhaps Alan McKenna and Kvie Patterson could be avail-

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### BUFFALO SPORTS STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROATIA	6	1	1	22	4	13
JUVENTUS	6	1	1	13	4	13
POLONIA	5	2	1	14	9	12
AJAX	4	3	1	12	4	11
Falkner	4	2	2	13	10	10
Northcote	4	2	2	10	10	10
Crocydon	4	1	3	13	11	9
Morwell F.	4	1	3	11	12	9
Box Hill	3	2	3	8	9	8
Doveton	2	2	4	11	14	6
Geo. Cross	1	6	10	19	3	3
Albion R.	0	3	5	1	11	3
Wilhelmina	1	6	5	16	3	2
Hellas	0	2	6	9	19	2

## Dubious penalty turns the tide

**CROCYDON 2 (Nolan penalty 80th, 64th) POLONIA 2 (Marshall 20th, Przybyla penalty 49th) at Crocydon Park, Sunday.**

**CROCYDON:** Kastner 6 - Rainey 8, McCombe 7, Brown 7, Hobson 7 - Rooney 7, Nolan 8, Wade 7 - P. Loughane 7, Sweeney 7, Irvine 7. Coach: Bill McCarthy.

**POLONIA:** Dzielskowski 6 - Lipinski 6, Mila 7, McCluskey 6, Smolarek 7 - Lekic 6, A. Caspik 7, P. Caspik 7, Petrov 7 - Marshall 7, Przybyla 6. Coach: Mike Lynn.

Despite Crocydon's greater possession, despite Crocydon's fine lightning from two goals down, despite Crocydon creating more chances, when you look at the final scoreline and reflect back on a penalty awarded to Crocydon in the second half it has to be said that Polonia should feel robbed!

Referee Dennis Voutsinas had a good game for mine. Most of the Polonia spectators surrounding me as we watched the match wouldn't agree. If their ire however was sparked by the penalty wrongly awarded to Crocydon in the 60th minute then I sympathise with them.

With Polonia seemingly having a stranglehold on the match, leading 2-0, little Jimmy Rooney wriggled his way past one challenge in the Polonia area and fell under pressure. Voutsinas ruled that Rooney had been tripped and pointed to the spot. I think Voutsinas was wrong.

Terry Nolan, the best midfielder on display here, sent Leszek Dzielskowski the wrong way to make it 2-1. Still, there was no need for panic. Polonia still looked the likely winner. Until four minutes later when Mike Rainey, having a fine game, crossed from the right to the far post. The ball was headed back

across goal and a diving header from Nolan levelled the scores. From that point on, the best that can be said about Polonia is that it survived.

Steve Irvine hit the post, then Dzielskowski got a foot in the way of an Irvine shot from three metres and later, Peter Loughane shot from a tight angle instead of crossing to the far post where two team mates were waiting to strike.

Few chances were created in the first half. It took a piece of Alex Marshall magic to give Polonia its 1-0 half time lead.

Young George Petrov, a class midfielder in the making, headed the ball over an opponent and ran on into the left side of the Crocydon area in the 20th minute. Just when everyone anticipated a Petrov shot the youngster cleverly played the ball inside and big Marshall swivelled and shot, in a fluent movement, sending the ball into Kastner's goal off the base of the far upright.

Four minutes into the second half Crocydon looked back at Petrov showed great composure under pressure, one of his hallmarks, as he held possession when closed down inside his own penalty area. He knocked the ball up the left line to Mirek Smolarek who then passed inside to Marshall. The big man galloped toward goal with team mates making off-the-ball runs. Marshall ignored them and kept going. In an instant he had burst past three Crocydon defenders and was faced with just Kastner to beat. As he prepared to shoot he was tripped from behind and Voutsinas awarded a penalty. Jansuz Przybyla sent Kastner the wrong way from the penalty spot, shrugged his shoulders as if to show how easy it was, and Polonia had a seemingly insurmountable two goal lead.

## Cup night at Crocydon

**Crocydon will hold a special English F.A. Cup Final night at its clubrooms on Saturday May 21, starting at 7.30pm.**

Six televisions will be in use and the night will feature music, dancing, singalongs, dart matches, card games and a spinning wheel.

A special card competition will be held with cash prizes to the winners. Admission is only \$1 which qualifies you for entry in the card competition.

The Crocydon clubrooms are situated at the club's headquarters at Crocydon Park, on the intersection of Mt. Dandenong Road and Springfield Avenue in Crocydon.

## Springvale High v Heidelberg High

**Springvale High and Heidelberg High will clash in the final of the 1983 South Melbourne Hellas Schoolboys Cup.**

Springvale High knocked out cup holder CBC St Kilda, 3-2, in last week's semi-finals while Heidelberg High easily accounted for Huntingdale High, winning 5-2.

The cup final will be played on either June 5 or 12, as a curtain raiser to Hellas' NSL game at Middle Park.

## FAWKNER CLINIC

Milos Adamovic, Fawknar's junior coach, will hold a clinic at Smith Reserve, Jukes Road, Fawknar on Monday for junior players between 10 and 16 years old and it's free of charge.

Adamovic will be joined by four or five senior Fawknar stars and Preston Makedonia midfielder ace Zoran Illoski. The clinic kicks off at 10 am and ends at 4 pm and all

## Ernie Merrick badly injured

**FAWKNER 3** (Cozzella 10th, 48th, Tuffield 1st) **DOVETON 1** (Dowie penalty 89th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

**FAWKNER:** Tursini 7 - Sabatini 6, Fattore 9, Kondoroff 8, Schipani 6 (inj. Palmericotti 80th) - C. Sabatini 5, Rozas 7, Anselmi 7 - Palinkas 7, Tuffield 8, Cozzella 8. Coach: Cedo Chirovic.

**DOVETON:** Keogh 6 - Brabbins 5, Threlkoff 6, Merrick (inj. Murray 26th, 6), Miller 5 - Waterhouse (inj. Bartlett 10th, 7), Dowie 6, Buchanan 5 - Webster 6, Striton 6, M. Lennon 6. Coach: Ernie Merrick.

Doveton player-coach Ernie Merrick was taken to hospital with a serious injury to the bones

below an eye after a clash in the 25th minute when challenging for a header.

Merrick was released from hospital late on Sunday night and will be operated on this week. He was in considerable pain throughout Sunday night and Monday, and understandably was unavailable for comment. It now appears likely that the injury will prematurely end Merrick's playing career. As we went to press the Dowie committee was meeting to appoint a caretaker coach to look after the first team until Merrick can resume his coaching duties.

Merrick's loss came after a series of sudden reversals for the Doves against Fawkner at Smith Reserve on Sunday.

After a minute's play, Bruno Cozzella's cross was met firmly by Ian Tuffield who headed past Sean Keogh.

Fawkner went 2-0 up in the 10th minute with Cozzella bagging the first of his two goals and five minutes later young Doveton midfielder Jeff Waterhouse had to be replaced suffering from asthma.

Merrick's loss was a major blow and within three minutes of the restart after the interval Fawkner, through Cozzella, went 3-0 ahead.

The Doves' consolation came a minute from time. Stan Webster was brought down inside the Fawkner area by John Dowie but no trouble converting from the resultant penalty.

## Fans force out de Bruyckere

**MORWELL FALCONS 3** (MacLean 12th, Bingham 50th, O'Callaghan 78th) **RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0** at North Cringree Reserve, Saturday.

**MORWELL FALCONS:** Whitehead 6, Dwyer 6, Irvine 7 (inj. Scott 65th), Higham 7, Train 7 - Bingham 6, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 9, T. van Baar 8 - Evans 6, McQuinn 7. Coach: Tony Boyd.

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA:** Janssen 7 - Pasman 7, de Cort 6, Brooks 7, Verbeke 6 - Tetterall 7 (inj. Penn 80th), Tront 6, Burton 6, Stewart 8 - Cork 6, Whyte 4 (Thom 78th). Coach: Nick van Egmond.

Mike de Bruyckere resigned last week as coach of Ringwood Wilhelmina due to supporters' pressure but his successor, Nick van Egmond, didn't get off to a flying start as Morwell Falcons cruised to a 3-0 win over the Dutch sponsored club last weekend.

As you know, John van Hoboken after 30 years, no longer is involved in running Wilhelmina but he has been and still is a very good friend of mine. Every time I was seen speaking to John, a group of our supporters would start

to spread rumors about John interfering in team selection and frankly, this got too much for me to bear," said de Bruyckere.

"I spoke to the committee and told them that I'd had enough. I still love Wilhelmina and if the club wants me to help it to get new players then I'll do everything I can."

Judging from Wilhelmina's performance against Falcons de Bruyckere could prove to still be a valuable asset because there can be little doubt that the Jubilee Park outfit needs new blood.

However, van Egmond isn't panicking. "My coaching record with Morwell and Nunawading proves that I'm not the sort of bloke who buys a team and I prefer to develop local players and the current Wilhelmina side isn't as bad as some people are making out. I can see tremendous scope for improvement in the team. I'm not a loser. I won't accept defeat. We'll work things out over the next few weeks," he said.

Falcons, on the other hand, recovered their winning ways and again McGorran interpreted the match for long periods. Wilhelmina couldn't cope with the speed at which Falcons midfielders got forward.

With tall Tony van Baar out wide in Falcons midfield quarter, the Latrobe Valley side was better balanced than in recent weeks. John O'Callaghan had an outstanding match. His forward forays always looked dangerous and his non-stop running was a feature of his game.

Falcons struck after just 12 minutes. Tony van Baar was fouled by Ron Verniers on the left. Bobby McGuinness took the resultant free kick, knocking the ball toward the near post where Jim McLean side-footed in to make it 1-0.

Five minutes into the second half a goalmouth scramble after corner presented Harry Bingham with a simple chance and he slammed the ball home from close range to make it 2-0.

O'Callaghan completed the scoreline in the 78th minute. A long kick downfield from Bill Whieside was headed by McGuinness by Alun Evans. McGuinness squared the ball into the path of O'Callaghan who knocked it too far forward. However, Wilhelmina goalkeeper Rick Janssen came off his line then stopped, allowing O'Callaghan to reach the ball first, round him, then stroke it into the empty goal.

## CLEAR-OUT AT COMBINE?

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1** (Bennett 72nd) **MELBOURNE CROATIA 3** (Cumming 18th, Latif penalty 24th, Biskic 80th) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:** Contini 5 - McKinley 6, Richardson 6, Scott 6, Taylor 7 - Stevenson 6, Peto 6, Bennett 6 - McGorran 6, Glider 7, Bain 5. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Blasby 9, Curcio 7, Parton 7, Adams 7, Hannah 7 - Biskic 8, Faulkner 7, Antonicic 6, Blagich 7 - Cumming (inj. George 62nd), Latif 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

As we went to press we didn't know the outcome of Monday night's meeting between the Sunshine-George Cross committee and coach Tommy Traynor but it was expected that some senior players would be placed on the transfer list.

The combine isn't playing as badly as results suggest. In fact it's not for a man-of-the-match performance from Mel-

bourne Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby, Sunshine-George Cross may have made a real game of this.

Blasby made three miraculous saves, two in the first half, to add to the worries of the combine's committee and fans. With Croatia leading 2-0, George Hannah tried to head the ball back to Sean Parton. Mick McGorran intercepted, beat Parton, then unleashed a tremendous shot from 20 metres only to watch in disbelief as Blasby, at full stretch, flung himself up and across to grasp the ball which was heading for the top corner of goal. That was in the 29th minute.

Five minutes later Blasby again denied McGorran, this time from point blank range, when McGorran's attempt wide for a corner.

In the second half it was Roger Bain's turn to be foiled by Blasby. The combine striker unleashed a superb shot which found Blasby acrobatic-

ally tipping the ball over the bar.

Croatia had taken the lead after only 16 minutes. Ossie Latif chased a long ball down the left and as he was closed down by two opponents squared to Tommy Cumming whose low shot from just outside the combine area beat Alan Contini to put Croatia 1-0 up.

In the 24th minute Josip Biskic got clear on the right, cut inside and was fired just inside the area. Latif sent Contini the wrong way from the resultant penalty, striking the ball firmly into the top left hand corner of goal.

Croatia went 2-0 up in the 60th minute. Latif was fouled on the left. Cumming took the free kick and Biskic's glancing header went in just under the bar from five metres out.

The combine's sole reply came in the 72nd minute. Gerry Bennett stole in behind the Croatia defence and headed in off the upright from a John Stevenson free kick.

## Peter Dickson scores in the 717th minute

**ALBION ROVERS 1** (Dickson 87th), **S.M.HELLAS 1** (Yzendoorn, pen. 84th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

**ALBION:** Costello 6, Galea 5 (D'Sylve 63), Douglas 6, Hennessy 6, McLeod 7, Gray 6, Coyne 5, Forrie 6, Dickson 6, Smart 6, Reilly 6. Coach: Hugh Murray.

**S.M.HELLAS:** Perree 6, Yzendoorn 6, Kalamitakis 6, Kalamitakis 6, Zamboglou 5, Abraham 5, Bostovski 6, Baklaris 7, Kalamitakis 5, Neap 6 (Balkan 71st), Kalamitakis 5. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

It's official... the drought is over at Albion... the goal drought, that is, thanks to a goal from Peter Dickson three minutes from time. It had been a long time between drinks for the Rovers. 717 minutes, to be precise.

I had Craig McKenzie with me on our way to this forgettable encounter between the State League's two bottom clubs, so we tossed for who should do the match report, and I lost, so McKenzie was able to enjoy himself.

Rumour had it that Hellas would play two National League players in a bid to get

enough, both John Yzendoorn and Arthur Xanthopoulos both duly appeared, but apart from Yzendoorn's successful penalty kick, neither had any impact on the game.

Hoping to rely on posterity Albion's first score of the season, I stationed myself in the first half behind the Hellas goal, much to goalie Mark Perree's astonishment, but the only shot of note hit my camera box, well wide of the penalty area, but that was my fault, I should have been sitting between the posts, it would have been safer.

Albion's playing surface is so bad that players' performances should be multiplied by two, as a degree of difficulty, as in Olympic high-diving. For a state of 'tanned ball' players like Hellas, used to playing on the carpet at Middle Park, Selwyn Park resembles a potato field after the spuds have been lifted.

Come to think of it, it wouldn't surprise me, on arrival

find the visiting team led by famous spud-farmer-cum-wellie-wearer Cliff Young. He'd be most at home.

A scoreless draw seemed on the cards until Dean Hennessy upended Jim Kalamitakis in the box (Goliath getting the better of David once), and Yzendoorn slammed home the resulting penalty. That was in the 84th minute, but three minutes later came the MOMENT!

A cunning lo from Ken Smart sent Dickson, only slightly offside, into the clear, and he rounded Perree to score.

The linesman had diffidently raised his flag, and then realising the true import of the situation, hurriedly lowered it again, and the stand went wild with delight. For a moment it seemed as though the Albion players were about to set off on a lap of honour, but referee Jim Fearn sternly waved them back, and they played on.

# Danco City sacks Anderson

**Metro Second Division club Dandenong City sacked coach John Anderson on Monday and as we went to press his successor hadn't been appointed.**

Dandenong held a meeting with its players last night (Tuesday) to tell them of the committee's decision. Officially, Anderson was asked to resign. His sacking is another chapter in an otherwise disappointing start to the year for Dandenong City.

When news broke about Frankston City's withdrawal from First Division, Dandenong unsuccessfully applied to fill the vacancy. The clubrooms were broken into recently and expensive electrical equipment stolen. On the field, the club hasn't fared much better.

Second Division rival Nunawading City is rumored to be set to appoint Mike Kipin as coach. Nunawading lost coach Nick van Egmond last week, who took over the reins at Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Second Division pacesetter St. Albans Dinamo is chockful of confidence going into Saturday's important clash with North Dandenong at Loits Twohig Reserve. A penalty awarded after Danny Dezie was felled and converted by player-coach Bill Vojtek was enough to give Dinamo the points against Ian Greener's Springvale City on the weekend.

"We'll get promoted for sure. In fact, I'm confident that the boys can win the championship," said Vojtek.

His player-coach rival on Saturday, Norths Rob Nelson, doesn't share Vojtek's sentiments.

"I hope to have three of my forwards back on Saturday and if St Albans think that they're in for an easy game then that's their problem. We won't just beat them, we'll beat them convincingly," said Nelson.

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE BROADMEADOWS 3** (Watson 57th, 59th, Penzo 13th) **KEW CITY CELTIC 2** (Parsons 20th, Campbell 85th)

**KEW CITY CELTIC:** Green 8 - Thompson 6, Smale 7, Parkin (inj. Train 31st, 6), Houston 8 - Parsons 7, McElhinney 7, Padellaro 6 (George Keenan 76th), Gary Keenan 6 - Drouge 6, Campbell 7.

The combination of a bumpy surface and a certain make of soccer ball (the brand will remain nameless) doesn't make for good soccer. This was the case as Broadmeadows beat Kew City 3-2 at home on Sunday.

Sandro Penzo opened the scoring for the home side in the 13th minute with a header from a Wilson free kick.

City equalised eight minutes later. A corner from the right was only partly cleared. Paul Campbell beat one opponent then drove the ball across goal and Robin Parsons headed in.

Two goals in two minutes in the second half killed the contest. Both came from Watson of Broadmeadows, the first a shot into the roof of the net and the second when he took a snap shot from 30 metres and to everyone's amazement this "famous" brand of soccer ball

# SELECTIONS

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE**  
**ALTONA CITY v Broadmeadows** (Frankston Place v Melbourne (inj.))  
Sunday: **MARLBOROUGH v BELL PARK, RICHMOND** v Albion Gate; **Weston v WESTERN SUBURBS**  
Saturday: **FOOTSCRAY JUST v SPRINGVALE CITY** v Thornesville; **North Dandenong v St Albans (inj.)**; **NUNAWADING CITY** v Waverley City  
Sunday: **Prattville v RINGWOOD UNITED**  
**DIVISION THREE**  
Saturday: **YALGUM v Epsom**; **HEIDELBERG SUNDOORA v Brighton**; **Prattville City v SOUTH OAKLEIGH**; **MORNINGTON v Colac**; **Port Melbourne v CALLEDIT CITY**; **SANDRINGHAM v St Helms**; **MOORABBIN v RUSSELL**  
**DIVISION FOUR**  
Saturday: **HAWTHORN v Kew**; **Kaysbrook v GREENSBOROUGH**; **HANITON BANGERS v Essendon**; **Traralgon v NORTH DEERING**; **MOORABBIN v Geelong**; **Ferntree Gully v RUSSELL** (inj.); **MOORABBIN v RUSSELL**  
**DIVISION ONE**  
Saturday: **CLIFTON HILL v Clayton**; **Melton v CHESTER**; **LALOR UTD v Carlton**; **East Footscray v Bulbin (inj.)**; **Manuel Utd v BALLARAT**; **Shoppers Point v HAWKSBURY**; **Langwarrin v YARRAVILLE**  
**DIVISION TWO**  
Saturday: **BORONIA v Nunawading Utd**; **CRANBOURNE v Sandringham**; **Kyneton v ALTONA**; **MOORABBIN v RUSSELL**; **MOORABBIN v RUSSELL**; **MOORABBIN v RUSSELL**

**NUNAWADING CITY 0** **NORTH DANDENONG 0**  
**NUNAWADING CITY:** Fensham 7 - Lachlan 7, Fursar 7, Deane 8, Gow 9 - Mullett 6, C. Phillips 7, Mullett 6, C. Phillips 7, Henkel 7  
**NORTH DANDENONG:** D. Mackie 7 - Popadopoulos 7, McMillen 7, Costas 7, Walgreen 7, Magrath 7, Nelson 6, Taylor 8, Mackie 70th.

The best you can say about this game is that it was hard fought. Fensham did well in goal for Nuna, the replacement for recently departed player-coach Nick van Egmond.

Norths held on in the last 10 minutes for a point but should be close to top strength this weekend.

**DIVISION THREE SUNBURY 1** (Campbell 92nd) **ELTHAM 1** (Norton 16th) at Langama Park

**ELTHAM:** Graham 7, Alderson 7, Garthwaite 8, Cubley 7, Hazell 7, Lewis 7, Herman 7 (Kavanagh 60th), Wood 7 (C. C. 70th), Norton 6, Raynes 6, McArthur 6.  
**SUNBURY:** Grech 8, Duncan 8, Duncan 8, Scarlett 8, Campbell 8, Braubling 8, Wood, Sherlock, Koba, Tracey.

Sunbury and Eltham fought out a thrilling draw at Langama Park, with the home side snatching a point with a goal in the second minute of injury time, when Campbell headed a free kick past Graham.

Eltham had gone ahead in the 16th minute when Davy Norton scored with a header from a Mark Lewis free-kick from the right wing.

**DIVISION FOUR ROSANNA 1** (Brown penalty 25th) **MOORABBIN 3** (Gregory 15th, o.g. 65th, Bris 78th)

A superb solo effort from flying Moorabin striker Steve Gregory opened the scoring but a penalty awarded against Moorabin's goalkeeper Dave Brown 10 minutes later was converted by his Rosanna namesake.

Under pressure from Gregory in the 65th minute, a Rosanna fullback passed back into his own goal making it 2-1. Moorabin's third goal, started with Tony Morgan playing a good ball to Johnny Bris who broke clear and slotted home a

fine goal. Moorabin's best were Morgan, Gregory and Trevor Bishop.

**PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE BULLEEN-VENETO 1** (Michelloudakis 35th) **LALOR UNITED 0**

**BULLEEN-VENETO:** G. Poropat 6, M. Borin 6, C. Managuzzi 7, P. Casali 7, B. Zechin 7, C. Greaser 6, D. Sutherland 6, M. Bissotto 6, M. General 6, L. Boarotto 6, J. Michelloudakis 6.  
**LALOR-UTD:** M. Trzevsky 6, N. Mutchelwood 7, Petrovski 6, Z. Anastasiou 6, M. Kravilovic 6, G. Jovanovic 7, V. Kourilovic 6, K. Veljovic 7, L. Stankovic 6, T. Tanavski 5 (Popadopoulos 75th), P. Dangovski 6 (sent off 75th).

In a game which was highlighted by tight defensive marking, Bulleen-Veneto scored a close 1-0 win to find itself second on the league table, one point clear of its nearest rivals, East Brunswick.

Bulleen-Veneto broke the dead-lock in the 35th minute when centre-forward L. Boarotto in a powerful run down the left-wing brushed past 3 defenders cut inside the penalty area to square the ball to J. Michelloudakis who made no mistake from close range.

**DIVISION FOUR DIAMOND VALLEY 2** (B. Bass 41st, Yarsley 43rd) **MONBULK 0**

**DIAMOND VALLEY:** Thacker 8, K. Watson 6, Peake 6, C. Bass 7, Love 6, B. Bass 7, Vandorick 6, P. Watson 7 (sub D. Rendell 6).

Diamond Valley had to make fly changes from the team which has left them unbeaten in the last four games. Injuries and suspensions forced these changes with Kenny and Paul Watson and Terry McQuillan returning after long lay offs.

Valley wrapped up this match by scoring two goals in two minutes just before half time. Vandorsik crossed in the 41st minute and although Brendan Bass missed the initial chance he headed home on the rebound. Then Vandorsik was felled on the right and McQuillan's pinpoint free kick was made in by Bernie Yarsley to make it 2-0.

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# Back to Sydney for star trio



**From left: Badih Hammoud, Jim Meerbani and Peter Hassan.**

When Badih Hammoud, Jim Meerbani and Peter Hassan returned to Sydney recently after only a handful of games between them for Ulverstone, Tasmanian soccer lost three potential stars.

The first time all three played together in the Ulverstone side was in the recent Statewide Cup match against Croatia, and what a revelation they were! Their ball skills, speed, shooting power and thinking were a cut above that of the other players and coach Otto Klaus must be disappointed that his club could not come to a permanent arrangement with the trio, whom he knew from his coaching days in Sydney.

Hammoud, 25, played in West Germany for St. Pauli of Hamburg in the mid-seventies, as well as for Alnajmeh of Beirut before then, and again in 1981. He first met Otto Klaus in Germany and when his personal manager, Mr Hassan Amed, arranged for a move to Ulverstone, Hammond jumped at the offer.

Meerbani and Hassan, 21 and 20 years of age respectively, gave a first-class exhibition against Croatia. Hassan hit the bar with a cannon-ball shot from 35 metres and later scored a goal, while Meerbani turned players inside out with his dribbling and set up a goal for the former Irish international, Liam Monagle.

Hammoud went off injured during the course of the game, but not before showing glimpses of his own repertoire of skills.

Tasmania badly needs a player of star quality because of the departure of Eric Young to Morwell Falcons. Unfortunately, the State has just lost three more after only the briefest of appearances. — WALTER PLESS

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# TRIONFA LA JUVENTUS, MIGLIORANO FAWKNER E MORWELL

L'ottava giornata della Lega Statale del Victoria ha riconfermato la seria candidatura della Juventus alla vittoria finale, con una meritata vittoria sul "macellai" del Green Gully; la rappresaglia di un gioco consistente nella vittoria del Fawknor, a spese del Doveton; il ritorno alla vittoria del Morwell sul modesto Ringwood Whillelmia.

In campo amministrativo tanto la Juventus sta anche facendo passi da giganti su tre fronti: la graduale riduzione del debito sociale che si portava avanti da precedenti amministrazioni, un ulteriore avvicinamento alla conclusione dei negoziati per ottenere il terreno dal Comune di Brunswick e l'inevitabile riconoscimento quale candidato di diritto all'ammissione in Lega Nazionale con l'ormai inevitabile regionalizzazione del massimo campionato nazionale. Il tutto indubbiamente propiziato dall'ottimo comportamento della squadra che dopo otto turni si trova accampata in testa alla classifica assieme a quel Croatia sul quale però vanta un vantaggio morale, avendo battuto nettamente la settimana scorsa.

## SAPER GIOCARE A QUALSIASI GIOCO

La vittoria di domenica sui campioni in carica del Green Gully ha riconfermato tutte le

qualità tecniche dei ragazzi di Margarithis, ma ha anche dato una prova inconfutabile della completezza dell'undici bianconero che, oltre a saper giocare, riesce anche a non farsi scomporre né intimidire dalle tattiche negative e aggressive della squadra più scorbutica del campionato.

La partita che vedeva due delle capoliste darsi battaglia, non solo per i due punti, ma anche per una questione di prestigio per bene impressionare i responsabili delle ammissioni alla Lega Nazionale, è stata inizialmente come una partita di ping-pong fra le due più forti difese della lega, con la palla che andava da un'estremità all'altra del campo senza che nessuna delle due contendenti commettesse alcun sbaglio e concedesse "il punto". Piano piano però il Green Gully cominciava a perdere le staffe e a rivelare la sua vera natura di squadra "macellai" con marcature follosissime, una netta prefezione per la rissa vera e

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propria e la vigliaccheria di atterrare giocatori senza palla quando arbitro a segnalare erano volati dall'altra parte. A farne le spese più di ogni altro sono stati Zini, stroncato brutalmente da Cannell, Peter Lewis e Fogben, i due terzini, non sono stati da meno al loro compagno e ben ha fatto Incantalupo a non cercare guai in vista della sua prossima partenza con la nazionale giovanile per disputare la finale della Coppa del Mondo in Messico. Ma il resto della squadra non si è lasciata in-

## BENEDETTA FEDERAZIONE

Quello che però non riusciamo a capire è come la Federazione abbia potuto assegnare una gara così importante e prevedibilmente dura, poiché il Green Gully trovava pane per i suoi denti, ad un arbitro come Momont che ha abbastanza autorità per arbitrare una partita senza importanza fra due squadre di ragazzi bene educati. Senza tornare a precedenti lontani, e ce ne sono molti, quest'anno abbiamo avuto la sfortuna di vedere l'arbitro Momont in azione due volte. Tutte due le volte egli ha quasi perso il controllo in partite irrate sorvolando inizialmente su gioco fallosi e quindi diventando un tiranno con lo sventolamento di cartellini gialli e rossi, un totale di sei gialli e quattro rossi in due sole partite dovrebbe far seriamente pensare i responsabili del settore arbitrale alla capacità di questo uomo in nero a dirigere partite importanti.

Ma, tornando allo scontro con il Green Gully, la partita molto bilanciata nel primo tempo cambiava volto nella ripresa, grazie soprattutto all'entrata in campo del mastino bianconero Lloyd che oltre a dar pan per focaccia ai suoi spietati marcatori, si rivelava molto pericoloso in fase conclusiva, mancando di un classico pelo il bersaglio con un magnifico colpo di testa su cross di Ged Bannion. Dieci minuti dopo Rogers produceva una testa a pesce dopo un'ottima azione che la difesa biancoverde era riuscita a sventare cercando di salvarsi in calcio d'angolo sulla destra del portiere, ma Swincoe riusciva a intervenire sulla linea di fondo e a rimettere allo centro dell'area dove appunto Rogers incornava con tempestività e batteva il portiere avversario, ma non la mano di Smallman che si stava sulla linea di porta. Il risultante rigore veniva trasformato da Pat Bannion. Con 20 minuti alla fine la Juventus rimaneva in dieci per l'espulsione di Pat Bannion, ma reggeva egregiamente all'arrembaggio avversario indietreggiando Billy Rogers in posizione di libero. Il Green Gully ha inoltre dato segno di stupida arroganza in diverse occasioni quando la difesa, rimettendo la palla in gioco, si

## E I TIFOSI QUANDO FARANNO IL PROPRIO DOVERE?

In tanto gioire alla brillante conferma della squadra bianconera, bisogna però prendere atto di due spiacevoli aspetti negativi nell'ambiente della squadra. Innanzitutto, anche se domenica la sezione inferiore dell'ampia tribuna fosse finalmente piena, il seguito popolare lascia ancora molto a desiderare in relazione alle spese, all'impegno e ai successi di comitato, allenatore e squadra. E' impossibile che anche queste grandi imprese delle ultime settimane riescano a riportare sugli spalti coloro che hanno perso interesse da anni: sta perciò al migliaio di fedelis-

simi spargere l'entusiasmo e trascinare i propri amici a rivedere questa Juventus che ha ben poco da invidiare come complesso alle grandi squadre bianconere del passato, anche se le individualità non sono eccelse come lo erano una volta. Inoltre il tesseramento è fino ad ora il più basso nella storia del club: e questa è una deficienza che può essere risolta anche dai fedelissimi soltanto senza andare a scomodare amici. Una cosa però è certa: la Juventus odierna merita l'incondizionato appoggio sia per il buon comportamento dell'amministrazione che per quello della squadra. Miracoli non possono continuare all'infinito, ma se tutti fanno la loro parte in proporzione modesta, la Juventus può continuare ad essere la bella realtà che è stata fino ad ora in questo campionato e, dal prossimo, passare alla Lega Nazionale dove ritornerebbe ad essere una vedetta in campo nazionale. Sta perciò ora esclusivamente ai tifosi, ai simpatizzanti e all'intera comunità sportiva italiana far sentire la loro voce a suon di tesseramenti e di presenze alle partite. A questo proposito elenchiamo di qui di seguito i nomi e i numeri telefonici di alcuni dirigenti con i quali metterli in contatto per tesseramento e per altre manifestazioni di sostegno: Sam Manenti (480.3255 ufficio), Vince Verduri (680.2520), Attilio Costanzo (386.6079 ufficio, 850.4448 casa) oppure l'ex presidente Bernardo Santamaria, sempre molto vicino alla squadra, (386.6322 ufficio) e il grande sostenitore Gino Trani presso la sua pizzeria di Sydney Road, Brunswick (386.7050). Da parte sua il comitato dovrebbe ancora rimediare ad almeno un moderato errore di forma fatto nel passato nei confronti del maggior benemerito del club per poter così contare sulla collaborazione e sull'appoggio incondizionato di tutti, vecchi e nuovi tifosi.

## DIECI TITOLARI DISPONIBILI

Altro punto negativo al quale bisogna por rimedio immediatamente, e sarebbe più facile farlo se i tifosi facessero finalmente il loro dovere come abbiamo appena auspicato, è quello di rinforzare la squadra che domenica prossima può contare soltanto su dieci titolari. Speriamo che questa situazione estrema faccia fare al comitato quello che stiamo suggerendo da alcune settimane, poiché, e ne ricordiamo, i titolari possono vincere partite, ma sono le riserve in panchina che vincono i campionati. Le partenze di Heery e Cavallari, il nuovo infortunio a Zini, la squalifica di Pat Bannion (almeno per una settimana) e l'indisponibilità di Incantalupo (almeno per un mese), hanno ridotto la squadra in condizioni impossibili. ...e nella squadra riserve c'è il vuoto più assoluto in quanto a rincalzati già pronti, ad eccezione del solo Geremia. A dire il vero il comitato ha fatto dei timidi tentativi di accaparrarsi qualcuno e sembra che Robert Cullen (ex Preston, attualmente in Inghilterra) dovrebbe arrivare ai primi di Giugno, ma, se questo fosse vero, occorrerebbe sempre un

buon rincalzo per la difesa e qualche solido prospetto per le riserve. Farsi sfuggire il campionato per mancanza di rincalzati sarebbe criminale.

## CRISI FATTE E DISFATTE IN CASA

Sabato il Morwell è finalmente tornato alla vittoria sul terreno di casa, contro il modestissimo Ringwood e grazie anche al rientro di Bingham. A leggere certa stampa superflua, la crisi del club è finita. Lo crediamo bene, perché la crisi vera e propria non ci era mai stata se non per la stessa stampa che molto superficialmente l'aveva annunciata un paio di settimane fa. Dopo cinque risultati positivi, la nuova formazione di Boggi era stata battuta dal Polonia (che la settimana dopo batteva anche la Juventus) anche perché il portiere Whiteside si era fatto stupidamente espellere lasciando la sua squadra in dieci; la settimana dopo il Morwell veniva battuto dal Croatia, da molti considerata la miglior squadra del campionato nonostante la sconfitta subita lunedì nella partita per mano di una grande Juventus; e per finire il suo tour de force, il Morwell veniva quindi battuto immeritatamente dai campioni in carica del Green Gully. Dov'è la crisi? Bisognerebbe chiederlo a certi osservatori con il gusto della tragedia. E, se crisi ci fosse stata, non vediamo come la vittoria in casa su una delle massime candidate alla retrocessione, l'avesse così miracolosamente dissipata. Perciò, andiamoci piano ragazzi e non inventiamo crisi fatte in casa che non fanno bene a nessuno, anche se fanno titoli sensazionali.

La verità è che la squadra di Boggi ha bisogno di tempo per trovare l'affiatamento fra i tanti elementi nuovi e il suo tecnico ha bisogno di calma e autorità per apportare i ritocchi necessari. Tutto qui.

## IL FAWKNER INGRANA NUOVAMENTE

Domenica, contro il non trascurabile Doveton, il Fawknor ha finalmente ingranato di nuovo la marcia giusta e ha vinto con molta autorità. Il nuovo arrivato Kondorits ha dato molta solidità e organizzazione in retrovia, lasciando allo stesso tempo che Tuffield tornasse al suo ruolo di punta di diamante. Il giovanotto ne ha messo infatti a segno la prima rete del Fawknor ed è stato sempre una spina nella difesa avversaria che è stata bucata due altre volte dall'altro recente arrivo, Bruno Cozzella, che si è nuovamente dimostrato ottimo opportunista. Tutta la squadra ha risentito positivamente di questa ritrovata stabilità di ruoli e migliorerà ancora per poter puntare a un posto molto dignitoso nel suo primo campionato di Lega Statale ed essere pronta ad approfittare di qualsiasi scivolone di una delle quattro squadre di testa. Come la squadra sta facendo egregiamente le ossa nel massimo campionato, sarebbe anche il caso che il comitato facesse lo stesso, accettando la critica costruttiva quando è giustificata e ricordandosi che

gli articoli all'acqua di rosa della stampa di casa quando erano i dominatori dei campionati inferiori li ha male abituati, anche se all'occasione era comprensibile. Oggi, finalmente fra i primi attori del massimo campionato statale, le loro imprese hanno una risonanza ben più vasta e sono esposte ad una critica più imparziale ed ad un livello superiore. E' questo tipo di critica che fa crescere le squadre, che porta alla determinazione di far meglio, alla rabbia — anche se per motivi sbagliati — di provare che i giornali avevano torto.

Il nostro non è un rimprovero, ma appunto quella critica costruttiva che ci sentiamo in dovere di fare ad un club che abbiamo sempre ammirato e che vorremmo raggiungesse il cielo, anche perché il suo successo è lo sprone migliore alla sorella maggiore Juventus e quindi garanzia al successo del calcio italiano in Victoria.

## CAVALLARI ANCORA A PIEDI

Tiziano Cavallari non è stato ancora trasferito al Fawknor perché la Juventus ha inoltrato appello contro la decisione del tribunale di rilasciare il giocatore per la modica somma di \$1.000. Quindi passerà ancora del tempo prima che Cavallari, dopo essersi stancato della panchina juventina e adesso che avrebbe guadagnato i galioni di titolare poiché la squadra è decimata, potrà andare probabilmente a fare la panchina al Fawknor che nel frattempo si è rinforzato con gli arrivi di Kondorits, Cozzella e Angele' a che sta recuperando i vari Anselmi, Curcija, Bruno Sabidussi e Gooney. Il bravo Cavallari non sembra proprio aver tanta fortuna, ma sembra avere anche il dono di non sapersela proprio. Bastava aspettare un pochettino in più, dopo che hanno aspettato per lui per tre stagioni, oppure essere un pochettino più diplomatico e corretto nel chiedere il trasferimento. Comunque a nome di tutti i tifosi che lo aspettano da tanto tempo, gli auguriamo il successo che i suoi grandi meriti tecnici dovrebbero dargli. E il modo migliore sarebbe quello di tornare all'ovile juventino, chiudere la bocca e finalmente dimostrare quello che sa fare con i piedi. La Juventus è rimasta in dieci, la "chance" perciò non gliela toglierebbe nessuno. E, poi starebbe a lui soltanto.

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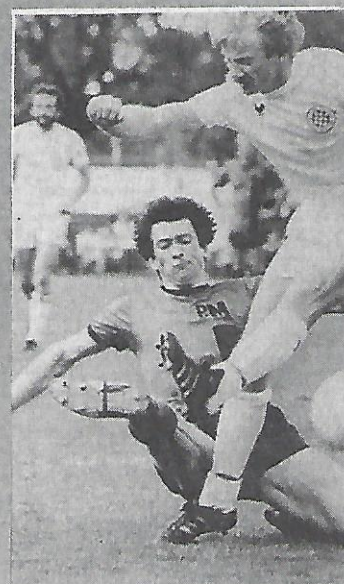
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